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A contract for 150 feet of tunnellin has been let on the Fern mine, situated on Hall Creek, and five men will be at work nearly all the winter. Up to the present time there has been over 400 feet of tunnelling done.

Phillip Lowe, a farmer of the Illecillewaet river, fell from the Illecillewaet last Saturday while it was lying at Robson, and was drowned. How he came to fall is a mystery as he was perfectly sober, and when he disappeared under the water he never was seen Word of the accident reached the C. & K. office in this town on Sunday and a searching party was at once Dynamite was used to raise the body, but without effect. The shores of the river have been searched but no trace of the missing man has

been found. Notice of lis pendens has been filed at the office in Nelson, by Thomas Kelley, Wm. J. Christie and Samuel W. Ray against P. W. George, R. W. Willey, S. J. Willey, Chris Sherbut and R. H. Pope, plaintiffs claiming one-third interest in the Mollie Gibson, Aspen. Florence, La Plata, Little Duke and Florence Fraction by reason of their grub-staking P. W. George. They pray that the bond given R. H. Pope on October 17 be set aside and that the above-named parties be enjoined from selling, bonding or working the abovementioned claims.

On Tuesday night about nine o'clock the Hall Mines smelter shut down for want of ore, but the management says that the fire will be started again on By Sunday morning it is expected that there will be five hundred tons of ore ready for treatment be sides any custom ore that may be received during the interval. It claimed by the management that the daily output is now between 120 and 150 tons, and as soon as the lower tunnel is completed, this will be largely in-

creased. The funeral of Captain S. C. Spaulding, who died at Pilot Bay last week, took place last Saturday from the Church of England in this city, under the auspices of the Masonic Order. It was one of the largest funerals ever held in Nelson and nearly all those who attended the services by Rev. Akehurst at the church, accompanied the remains to their last resting place. Mrs. Spaulding returned to Pilot Bay on Monday morning and will soon leave for Rock land, Me., to visit relatives.

Mr. C. E. Perry, engineer in charge of the surveys in British Columbia for the C. P. R., arrived in town yesterday and will be engaged for the next month in making maps of the road from the foot of Slocan Lake to a connection with the C. & K. at Slocan crossing. To a reporter of the Miner he said: "The location survey of the line has been completed and construction can now begin at any time. The road will be on an easy grade and run through a valley that will be beautiful in the summer time. This valley is fairly well timbered and contains some good farming land. The chances are that construction will be commenced at an early date and the road will form one of the links of the Crow's Nest Pass road. We have completed a survey of the entire shore line of Slocan Lake and at considerable personal risk along the The work on these bluffs bluffs. resemble that of the lower Fraser river canyon, but for the present the new boat now being constructed will give fast service in the gap between Rosebery and the foot of the lake."

> SLOCAN. The Kootenaian.

The shaft on the Republic group on the twelve mile divide, is down twenty feet and the showing has improved greatly. Substantial buildings have been erected. Mr. McPherson, of Brandon, Man., has the property bonded for \$25,

000. New Denver within another year will be the richest town of its size in Canada. Between now and January 16th upwards of \$100.000 will be paid to the boys here on bonds, while four times that amount will be handled before another winter comes.

The second shaft on the Currie, on the galena farm, is now down nearly 60 feet perpendicularly, and it will be sunk as far again before the ledge is encountered. The shaft is a double compartment, each five by five feet, and well timbered. It is 250 feet from the first done until March.

Native silver is becoming an everyday object on the Bondholder workings. Rawniding from the claim will begin at once. The United Empire, adjoining the Iron Horse on the Enterprise lead, has been sold at a good cash figure to Vancouver parties. Kirkwood and Tunks were the owners.

Captain Woods has resigned the management of the Two Friends on Springer creek on account of ill health. The force of men has also been reduced. Vancouver people have the property under Bond, and have just made another payment on the deal. Regular shipments will be made during the winter.

Fielding & Cooper, who had the Arlington, on Springer creek, thrown on their hands by the French syndicate two months ago have made a big strike on the property. They went to work on the

Allen's pack train is taking down small shipments of ore from the Howard fraction and Black Prince on Lemon creek, to Slocan City.

E. Maunsell, of Nelson, operator for an English company, has made an unsuccessful effort to purchase the Howard fraction. The figure offered was tempt-

It is stated on trustworthy authority that negotiations have been, or are in the course of being concluded for the transfer of the Enterprise group claims on Ten Mile creek, by J. A. Finch to a powerful syndicate of Colorado min-ing men for the sum of \$300,000 cash. Up to date no change has occurred at the mines, but it comes from head-quarters that the deal is certain. This group comprises the Enterprise, the Enterprise Fraction and Slocan Queen, and were located by J. A. McKinnon and R. J. Kirkwood in June, 1894, The discovery of these claims was the cause of

the great influx into the lake country. J. A. Finch; who made the final payment last October.

H. Herschell Cohen is again in the city, completing the transfer of some properties for which he has been The Mountain Chief mine is expected

to ship three carloads of ore per month during the winter. There are seven Scott McDonald is now in charge at the Payne group of mines, and George W. Hughes is giving his attention to other properties in which he is interested with A. W. McCune. Only high-

grade ore is being shipped from the Payne. A concentrator will be built in the spring for treating the low grades, of which a large quantity is on The miners employed at the Wonder-

ful have had a dispute with the management and have gone on a strike. It is said the dispute arose over some mis understanding about the night shift. Wonderful has been developed largely during the past month. In the upper tunnel 86 feet of work has been completed and in the south drift 82 They are running a tunnel into the feet. In the extension of the southwest drift 86 feet has been completed. In this drift an ore body 15 feet wide is hours. said to have been cut. In the lower workings the tunnel is in 161 feet, a total of 415 feet of work accomplished last month.

The Noble Five hauled the first installment of their cable early this week, which was a difficult task owing to the steepness of the mountains. The concentrator and flume are now completed and when the tramway is finished work will be commenced.

The Nelson Miner. Men and supplies went up Springer creek to open the Lily B and associated claims on December 6th. These claims lie about half way betwen Brown's hotel and the Two Friends mine. They are under bond to J. Gilhooley for

Work is progressing steadily on the Republic and on the Slocan Bob. These claims are quite close to Slocan Ciry and are only two of a good many promising claims along the same slope. The Exchange, under bond to David Bromner, is turning out some very pretty cre at present. This mine is already

a shipper of high grade gold and silver ore. Like nearly all the eres between Lemon and Springer creek the value in gold is fairly high. Gold exists in workable quantities associated with dry silver ores to Southern Slocan. Thes. are not free to a great extent, but become more so as one goes southwards towards Nelson, such as exist on the long high ridge between Six Mile creek and Yuill creek. Ten Mile creek is probably the bus!-

est tributary to Slocan lake south of New Denver. It has won the faith of investors by turning out well so far. W. Copelen went up to the head of Dayton creek on December 6th to be gin operations on the Skylark and Ranger, which were lately bonded by Coplen and Cowles to Alex. Dick of Joggins, N.S., for \$40,000. These clauras are on the Lemon creek slope, just over the summit from the head of Dayton creek, and will be the pioneers in extensive development, although the Chipleau, an adjoining claim, is the pioneer leau, an adjoining claim, is the pioneer ing no further harm.

Shipper, with the exception of the Han There was placed on our desk this sard Fraction which ships by way of

Springer creek. So far there is no trail down Lemon creek and all supplies and ore have to pass over the divide between Springer and Lemon creeks. This divide is low. however, and in no part of the district is there much danger of snow slides Under these disadvantages four groups of promising claims have come to the front all of which should naturally ship down Lemon creek to Slocan river valley. These are Crusader, Howard Fraction, Chapleau, and Skylark Ranger groups. All are rich ores of argentite and gold. There are many other claims having an assessment done but the cost of packing, etc., over the divide has discouraged work to some extent but the chief reason has been an un willinguess of investors to take interest in properties which have no decent trail down their own drainage basin. This shyness is wearing off, as interests in the Crusader and Skylark Ranger groups have lately been transferred.

The Kootenalan.

T. Claridge, from Johannesberg, South Africa and London, has been looking over the Slocan district, and is evidently working. No work on the ledge will be of the opinion that there must be a great future in store for it, as we understand he has acquired several properties and is considering other propositions. Recent work upon the new vein of the Bluebird property has developed a very high grade ore. The Blue Bird has shipped some 300 tons, but the present show- influence and capital, he will have no ing on the new vein is by far the richest the mine has ever had. Assays of the ore recently taken out have shown 300 oz.

James A. McDonnell has made the sale of the Jennie Fraction group of claims in the Best basin of the Slocan jail at Rossland awaiting trial at the mining division to Hirschel Cohen. The terms of sale are not made public, but it is said that a good round sum is in- the Columbia Hotel at Trail. volved. Development work has already begun under Mr. Hamfield and will be igorously prosecuted during the winter. mine reports excellent sleighing on the east drift and this week developed a wagon road from the workings to the the city limits to-morrow. D. C. Cormagnificent showing of ore and native railway station, single teams being able bin has been in the city since Friday to take down five tons at a load. In illustration of rapid transit he says that | . Some fine samples of ore were brought a carload of ore at the mine in the morning is hauled down, loaded upon the car, delivered at Kaslo station and placed shipments from this mine have been taken to the Kaslo sampling works.

One of the richest specimens of ore ever shown in Kaslo is lying upon the counter of the Gold Dust saloon. It comes from the winze about thirty feet below the floor of the upper tunnel of the Whitewater, and is composed of grey copper and galena. It "weight about thirty-five pounds and is estimated by miners to be worth not less than a dollar a pound with silver at the present quotation. It will find an abiding place, ultimately, in the collection of John-La

MIDWAY.

After holding the property for a year the owners bonded the group for \$25,000 to thing yet attempted.

M. Gire, a French mining engineer, and manager of the St. Maurice Min ing Society, was a visitor in town the past week. M. Gire is making pr inary arrangements preparatory to start-ing active mining operations on the company's claims in Central camp.

bond has been given on the Sun set claim in Deadwood camp to a Mr. Hogg of Toronto, who is a representa-tive of a strong eastern syndicate. Mr. James Brady of Rossland experted the property. The consideration named in the bond is \$10,000, of which ten per cent, or \$1600 has been paid down. The bondholders will put men to work very shortly.

A deal was consummated between Mr. James McConnell and Messas, W. T. Thempson and R. Wood on the coal claim at Rock creek a few days ago, whereby the latter parties become the sole participants in the lease which has been running on the property for years. Immediately upon taking possession the new owners put a force of men to work in two shifts, night and day, and are vigorously prosecuting development. vein, and the work is progressing at the rate of about ten feet in twenty-four

(Vernon News.)

Edward Pierro, a siwash, was sen tenced to three years for stealing an-

other siwash's cow. A movement is on foot to start a cooperative pork packing establishment in

A car load of hay went out on Tuesday to Thompson's Landing on the Colfigure before spring, as the crop in other parts of the province was not large last season, and much of that grown in this to feed their own stock.

A certain mineral claim not very far distant from Vernon lapsed on Sunday last on account of non-record. Twelve o'clock had hardly struck on Saturday and most complete plants in Kootenay. night when two rival parties were on the ground eager to re-stake it. One yesterday from the shaft on the Sunset party got in their discovery and No. 2 which is now down 42 feet in four feet posts first, but the other was the first to of ore. The force on this property will plant No. 1 post. The matter of pos- be increased to-day to 15 men, seven ession yet remains in dispute, both rival men having been employed. claimaints being apparently well satisfied with the validity of their respective

Mr. A. Postill, secretary of the O. & S. Agricultural Society, spent a couple of days in town during the early part of the week arranging matters in connection with the society's business. We understand that the directors and officials have every reason to feel pleased with the financial standing of the instill vein at the 55-foot level 104 feet long, tution, and that they have been able to and this went through an ore chute 40 pay off all the prize awards and ex- feet long. It is not known how wide penses contracted in connection with the it is, as it has never been cross-cut. On fall exhibition.

What might have been a fatal accident happened last Wednesday at the Ruby gold mine, situated near the Morning Glory mine. It appears one of the men placed three sticks of dynamite on some hot stones to take the frost out of them. He had not got swenty feet away when the dynamite exploded, scattering rocks every direction, but fortunately do-

tained from rock taken from the Bon arrested for being too strong to work, mines, not low but high grade, easily Diable mine, situated about three miles northeast of this city. The rock is described as "iron oxide with a little quartz," and the result is as follows: Gold, 13.1 oz., value \$276 per ton; silver, 4 oz., value \$2.72 per ton; total val-

ue per ton, \$278.72. The Camp Hewitt Mining and De velopment Company have made a start on their properties, and about eight men are now at work getting their winter camp ready. Mr. Gus Hewitt is acting as foreman, and work will be commenced on the Lakevicw and Gladstone claims, two gangs working day and night. These claims both carry gold, silver and copper, and good results are confidently anticipated by the promoters. The company has also acquired ten other claims at Camp Hewitt, and as other claim holders intend to do some development work this winter, the camp will likely be pretty lively for the next few menths. Camp Hewitt is situated on Okanagan Lake, about forty miles below the landing.

We learn on the authority of Judge Spinks that Mr. Heinze has deposited his \$50,000 guarantee with the provincial government, which he will forfeit should he fail to build through his line of railway from Trail to Penticton. This being the case it is probable that the road will be built within two or at most three years, for Mr. Heinze has nothing to gain by delay, and if he is backedas it is shrewdly suspected-by C. P R. difficulty in completing the work in that time.

ROSSLAND.

The Rosslander: A colored barber named Astor is in spring assizes, charged with attempted rape upon the daughter of Mr. White of

Cars on the Red Mountain railway reached Nickle Plate Flat on Saturday, and to-night it is expected the office car Manager Eaton of the Whitewater will be moved up from the O. K. siding, so that freight can be got from within evening last.

up yesterday from the Waneta & Trail Creek Company's property, near Wan-eta. A crosscut tunnel is being run to cut 5 feet of well mineralized rock, al- trict. most solid ore, running high in copper, with the green stain of which it is most covered. It is the intention of the company to sink on this.

The Golden Drip, situate east of the O. K., and recently incorporated, is a free gold, proposition which promises A crosscut framel of 181 feet has width of two feet, averaging \$65 to the

The Sunset, just above the Columbia

ploring the Sunset, two shifts being Willis, Williams, D. Livingston, J. Fall, Gilmour, of Seattle, is president, H. A. over 40 feet, continually in three to five feet of ore. The daily samples taken from the last 25 feet in the Sunset shaft have assayed from \$12 to leave the first samples taken have as a first sample taken have a first sample taken have a first sample taken have a first sample taken ha have assayed from \$12 to better than \$50 in gold per ton.

There was a rich strike made on the Palo Alto Saturday morning. The Dunn Bros., who have the contract for sinking a 100 foot shaft, struck a three and a half foot ledge of solid ore at a depth of 81 feet. The ledge is high grade and shows every indication of pernanency. The wall gets richer as de is attained, showing pyrites with a percentage of copper. The horse, which was encountered last week, is fast disappearing and gangue takes its place. The vein has straightened up considerably and is now showing an angle of 70 degrees in solid ore, on the foot wall. From past experience it is evident that their footwall will show up well, as from this the highest assays were obtained. Mr. Bouche, the superintendent of the work, is naturally jubilant over this success, and is confident that the Palo Alto will be a shipping mine in the near future. All he now wants is the necessary machinery to handle the output. John Dwyer, one of the Le Roi miners, was drunk on Saturday and he had several rows. That night he was found in

a state of collapse and removed to the hospital, where he died. Jas. Manson. one of the men with whom he had trouble, is under arrest. (Rossland Miner.)

their second payment of \$3,500 yester-The Butte shaft had attained a depth of 80 feet yesterday with assays of from \$8 to \$20 in gold and copper.

The bonders of the Hattie mine made

The Mugwump shaft is now down 84 umbia, from Kelowna. It is absolutely feet. Two feet of good ore are in sight Mr. Law, the promoter of the proposicertain that hay will command a fancy on the foot wall in the shaft. The hanging wall is not in sight.

A contract was let yesterday for an upraise in the Cliff. The No. 2 tunnel district will be required by the farmers of the Cliff has a narrow ore shute, but the ore assays from \$33 to \$38. The new machinery plant of the Homestake is now ready to be put in motion. It is one of the best arranged

Assays of \$40 and \$50 were obtained The No. 2 tunnel on the War Eagle has been extended beyond the big ore

chute and has cut another ore chute of good/grade 100 feet from the west end line. A drift has been started to the east on this ore body, which is fully eight feet wide. This is the chute known as No. 3 in the upper tunnel. The entire 90 feet of the Homestake shaft is in ore. There is a drift on the the surface this same ore chute is eight feet wide. It is estimated that there

are one thousand tons of ore in this chute between the surface and the 55foot level. "Scarfaced Charley," a rounder, who

and sentenced to six months in prison. VANCOUVER. The dry kiln of the British Columbia Cooperage took fire on Thursday, but by prompt work on the part of the fire brigade the flames were kept from spreading. The damage is covered by an insurance of \$3,500.

Capt. Morrison, proprietor of the False Creek coal yards, yesterday afternoon went down to Yaletown to collect an account and was returning along timers. Hamilton street about five o'clock, when two masked men stopped him, one of them presnting a gun at him. Capt. Morrison threw up his hands and the highwaymen relieved him of \$6.50 which he had just collected. Fortunately they did not touch some other money he had on him in another pocket. Capt. Morrison thinks he will be able to recognize the men again.

UNION. On Saturday last a Chinaman named Chee HivChing, who was engaged in the No. 13 level, No. 4 slope, Union Collieries, met with a fatal accident. It appears it was part of his duty to release the rope from the cars, and a steel bar was provided for that purpose. This time he was riding on the run, and instead of getting off and using the steel bar, he endeavored to kick off the rope with his foot and at the same time remain on the box. In this he failed for he fell forward, the cars running over him, inflicting injuries from which he died in three hours. Coroner Abrams held an inquest and the verdict states that the death resulted from the carelessness of the deceased himself.

Golden Era. Mr. G. B. McDermot has negotiated the sale recently of the Flying Dutchman mineral claim in the McMurdo Basin, to a Rossland capitalist, for \$15,000. Assays have been obtained from this claim running from \$8 to \$1100 per ton in gold, the average assays being from \$24 to \$64. The Mc-Murdo district next year will rival the Rossland mining district in the production of minerals. Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, Spokane and Rossland capitalists are daily making inquiries, in a upon the steamer the same night. Late cut the vein, and on Saturday this had quiet way, as to properties in this dis-

COWICHAN STATION. Cowiehan Station, Dec. 18 .- A concert followed by a dance was held in the Cowichan public hall here on Wednesday evening, the object being to raise some extra funds for the completion of the building. The entertainment proved been run to catch the ledge, and from that station drifts of 55 feet and 25 feet. Station in The committee was Messra flave been run either way and an uprise Mayo, Clobons and Stewart for the proof 60 feet made. The vein there has a gramme and Messrs, J. McPherson, J. S. Cook and E. H. Forrest for the re-freshments. Mr. Gibbons presided, Mr. Stewart was floor manager. The follow & Western railway spur, opposite Ross-land, will be an early shipper. The rying out the programme: Mrs. Mayo, The Skylark deal has gone through, Canadian Gold Fields Syndicate is ex. Mrs. Fall, Messrs. H. T. Fall, Mayo, opment Company, of which Mr. David the better.

ments were served between the various ing up the ground and will con gramme.

QUESNELLE.

B. C. Mining Journal. carrying 2000 inches of water will be countries in the world. run from Baker creek opposite Quesnelle to the property of the Menominee and Maranete or the Nine Mile claim a night in Ashcroft this week on their as it is often called. The distance will way back from the Bridge River m be in the neighborhood of ten miles, and the quartz mines of Lillooet. The The M. & M. company have a large amount of ground which carries gold 'n prominent member has expended a large sufficient quantities to pay handsomely sum of money prospecting the placer for working. It was stated last fall by ground of Bridge river, having been at Mr. Sawyer who was in charge of the mine, that next season no Chinese would be employed by his company. attracting a good deal of attention this now under way. The distance to be season and the company represented by Mr. Seymour Baker has secured some ground on the banks of the Fraser mear Fraser. This gravel prospects well. half miles in length and will have drained when the water is diverted. about 1600 feet of tunnelling to get Mr. Burkholder has some splendid water on Long's bar at a sufficient height for hydraulicking. Work was recommenced a few weeks

ago on the Law claim across the river and a good force put on, but after working one week word came to close down until further notice. It is expect ed that work will soon be resumed as tion, has great faith in the truth of his very much impressed with the appeartheory that an old channel of the Quesnelle is to be found by persistent work in this place and he is backed by the support of such eminent authority as Dr. Arthur Selwyn, who has several times personally examined this tract.

> BARKERVILLE. B. C. Mining Journal.

Work on the Willow river property being pushed by Mr. Laird and he has a splendid bedrock shaft down and has drifted about 150 feet. Not very much work is going on at year as most of our present mines are

worked by hydraulics and the season is

not long. A healthy tone has pervaded this section for the past year and times are much better than formerly. Slough Creek is progressing fairly well. On account of water it has been necessary to drive what is known in miners' parlance as a balloon drift to carry off the surface water from the ground through which the drainage tun-

nel is driven. The mouth of Nelson creek will be struck before many days if all goes well. Mr. Marsh has seemingly made a success with the quartz interests represented by him. The McArthur-Forrest process has proved a success with the ores of this section and it is claimed by Mr. recently served a year in the Idaho peni- Pellew Harvey that practically all the tentiary, was arrested by Constable For- gold can be saved by the cyanide prorester Saturday night on a charge of cess. Quartz mining will be pushed in vagrancy and was sentenced to six this section and in the not distant fumonths' imprisonment at Kamloops yes ture people will hear of the Kootenay terday by Judge Townsend. James quartz mines because they are in the week a certificate of a recent assay ob McDonald, another supposed crook, was same province as the famous Cariboo

> are now staked and have been for years. ASHCROFT. B. C. Mining Journal.

> sought for, to be found. Many such

Messrs. R. Borland and Fred Rose have been appointed administrators of in Victoria. A factory in this town or the estate of the late George Johnstone, of the 150 Mile House. Mr. Johnstone was a resident for very many years in Cariboo and was well known to all old able inroad upon the immense deposits

Mrs. J. B Hobson, who has been in poor health for some time is now much improved and will no doubt soon be in her usual good health. Mrs. Hobson enjoys the summers at the Cariboo mine

very much Ranchmen throughout Chilcotin, Carioo and the vicinity of Ashcroft unite in saying that the loss of cattle this season will be very large. Cold weather came on unexpectedly and found even those lucky ones who have sufficient feed, under ordinary circumstances, unprepared for it and their herds in the hills, scattered and hard to get together. Mild weather from now on may help things out, but a severe January and into the United States, though in its February will cause great losses. Beef crude state it would go in free. Seccattle in the spring will be at a premium. Some fears are entertained for the safety of the steamer Charlotte. She is frozen solidly by the side of the old

steamboat near Alexandria, 15 miles above Soda creek and it will require they would have unhesitatingly invest close attention when the ice breaks up ed their money in a factory capable of in the Fraser. Care will probably prevent any disaster. The journey will be made to Cariboo next year much more have commenced the active decomfortably and in one day less. Two days to Quesnelle, three to Barkerville. J. F. Markill, mining engineer, return ed yesterday from an extended visit to Lillooet. Mr. Markill stated that the snow was very deep in places on the mountains near Cayoosh creek and that By the terms of the bond work on the it took himself and party from 8 o'clock in the morning until 5 p.m. to get up to the Golden Eagle mine. He did not find the country in shape, owing to the very deep snow, to have a very satisfactory examination. He thinks it may be difficult to find some claims that have been staked of late when the snow goes off and that people should use judgment in buying locations under exciting circumstances, as no matter how rich any mine may be it has a limit to its area, and simply because a claim has been staked within a mile or two of the Golden Eagle it does not necessarily follow that it is rich.

Mr. E. L. Hart, of Risky creek, Chilcotin, called at the Journal office this pecting has been done in the Chilcotin this season. Some Chinese have been will acknowledge, fear of the tax col- friendless penniless and in very ector or of losing their ground being of health. We hear a lot of gush

ten the reason for so doing. brough Ashcroft this week on his way to that city. Mr. Armstrong is inter-

Gibbons, Biglewe, is vice-president and treasurer The ladies and gentlemen who so kindly their property on Antler Creek, Mr. assested deserve great credit for the first class manner in which the different than they anticipated, it yields from \$1 parts were rendered. Dancing was then to \$1.30 per cubic yard and have 1000 commenced to the music of Messrs. Ran- inches of water on the ground. Eastern som, J. Grice and Mearns. Refresh- capital has been secured to finish openmusical and dancing parts of the pro- active operations as soon as the season opens up. They expect to be hydraulicking by July 15th and expect a good output. Mr. Armstrong has great faith in British Columbia in general and it is It is expected that a ditch capable of no doubt one of the greatest mineral

Messrs. J. G. Y. Burkholder, and J. W. Tyrrell, of Hamilton, Ontario, spent company in which Mr. Burkholder is a work there for several seasons. A tunnel across a neck of ground at Camel's Foot Bend, in Bridge river, 22 miles The Cottonwood river country has been from its junction with the Fraser, is tunnelled is only about 800 feet partly in rock and will be of dimensi carry the entire river at low water. the junction of the Cottonwood with the There is about 80 feet fall from the upper to the lower side of the bend and Their ditch line will be nine and a- a large section of river bed will be samples of coarse gold taken from the bed rock along the stream.

> KAMLOOPS. Inland Sentinel.

A prospecting party is expected here soon from Fairhaven, Wash., J. P. Cummisky, of that place, having been ance of the ore he took from here on

the occasion of his recent visit. Messrs. Morgan, Curry and Birch commenced work on Wednesday on the Before the Dawn claim. On prospecting this property it was found that an immense ledge apparently runs through it, the Smuggler and Hepburn's claim. Word comes from Victoria that

Jack Hepburn has received \$1,200 cash for a three-quarters interest in his claim on the Sugar Loaf, and that he will rethis point at this season of the turn here about January 1st to commence work.

The Surprise, No. 2, has been bonded to Montreal parties for a short term. No cash has yet changed hands, but the whole amount becomes due and payable within a few months from date. The price agreed upon has not yet been made public, though it is pretty well known to be a stiff figure for an unde-

veloped claim. A representative of Victoria capital put through a deal this week, the particulars of which will be made public in a short while.

Messrs. Rankin & Thynne, of Vancouver, have bonded the King Bros.' property at Jacko Lake for \$4,000. W. Thos. Newman has been taking advantage of the slack time caused by the cold weather to prepare a number of collections of Kamloops copper-gold ores, which he has sent to prominent men in different parts of the Dominion having capital to invest in mining, and has already received enquiries as to the

terms on whicsh money can be in-

vested.

Mountains of gypsum and gypsum clay are within thirty miles of Kamloops. Gypsum sells to-day for \$3 a barrel in Seattle, seven barrels to the ton, the cost in Victoria being somewhat higher. Gypsum fetches \$35 a ton at Vancouver could turn out 1000 tons of both a week, and in 100 years from the start would have made no appreciof these useful minerals located within such easy access of Kamloops. gyrsum deposits we refer to are situate between twenty-five and thirty miles up the North Thompson river from Kamloops, within a mile and a-half from the river bank. Samples of this mineral assayed recently in New York ran 95 per cent pure and was reported as being the finest discoverer on the American continent. American business men, as stated above. are already in the field. Their experts examined the deposits this summer, but so far no action has been taken in the matter. For two reasons: In the first place, there is a duty of \$1.40 per ten on the manufactured article imported crude state it would go in free. Seconcly, there was the question of freight rates between Kamloops and Seattle. Hed the business men interested been able to make satisfactory arrangements with the C. P. R. in this latter respect, turning out from 600 to 1000 tons of once have commenced the active de-

velopment of the property. The Bonanza claim, owned by Messrs. Batchelor and Russell, situated near Guerin's ranche, about three miles from town, has been bonded to Messrs. Rankin & Thynne, of Vancouver, for \$5000. property is to be commenced next month and \$1000 is to be expended in developing the property.

There are now two shifts working ou the Python claim. Frank Rushton's claim, near the Catholic Mission, on which a splendid lead of asbestos was discovered last week, has already been bonded. The deal was made by W. Thos. Newman.

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early date. Miss Mary Brailey, of whose unfortunate circumstances mention has been made in these columns on previous occasions, has been taken back to the proweek. Mr. Hart says very little pros- vincial jail from the hospital. This girl is now sharing a cell with other women, both of whom have been convicted of some crime, and one of whom is a mining on the Fraser every season, and of some crime, and one of whom is a notoriously bad character. Miss Brainstein as a rule they do much better than they lev's offenses are that she is an orphan, days about Christian charity, but, when E. E. Armstrong, of Seattle, passed in a civilized country an 18-year-old girl can find no-better shelter in her need and sickness than a prison cell, we fan-