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THE WEEK'S MINING NEWS

The Bad Roads Interfered With Shipments From Some Mines.

A Week of Marked Development in Connection With Mines.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

Shipments for the last week from the Rossland camp are slightly below the average, bad wagon roads during part of the period accounting in large measure for the slight falling off in tonnage. In other respects the week's developments have been eminently satisfactory.

The events of the past week have been closely chronicled in The Miner. Briefly the outstanding features are the commencement of construction work at the Spitzee mine, the arrangements for a tramway at the Jumbo mine and the completion of the survey for the Kootenay tramway, together with the commencement of operations on the Le Roi Two concentrator. In addition the fact was disclosed that while the $8 average claimed for Kootenay ores by the directors and management was equalled in the initial shipping operations, the average of the ore shipped s[illegible] substantially higher, an intimation being given to the effect that for the present at least the Kootenay ore is the highest grade shipped from the camp. The last day or two of the week saw work resumed at the Nickel Plate, which is to be unwatered.

THE OUTPUT.

Shipments from the Rossland camp for the week ending May 23rd and for the year to date are as follows:

	Week.	Year.
Le Roi	3220	73,414
Centre Star	1620	33,298
War Eagle	1020	22,425
Le Roi No. 2	805	10,817
White Bear		267
Velvet	80	2,526
O. K.		25
Giant		335
Kootenay	150	885
Homestake		90
Totals	6895	144,082

AMONG THE MINES.

NICKEL PLATE.—The last mine to join the working list here is the Nickel Plate, which is to be unwatered immediately by the Rossland Kootenay company. At the present time the necessary force is engaged in making connections about the headworks and rigging up the bailing and pumping apparatus. Actual work will be got under way early in the week, after which the unwatering of the mine will proceed rapidly. Much interest is naturally manifested as to the company's intentions after the mine is unwatered, but no announcement has been made on this point.

LE ROI.—The past week has seen no material change in the program at the Le Roi mine. In the upper levels and stopes development and mining is proceeding, while exploration is making good headway in the deep levels. Report has it that recent developments in connection with the new 1050 stope have been of far-reaching importance as extending the area of the ore body on that level.

VELVET.—Yesterday the Velvet shut down for three days to give the men a holiday over Empire Day. Work is proceeding steadily save for this interruption, and the management gives most encouraging reports as to the underground developments. Teams are badly wanted to handle the ore with which the bins are overcrowded.

LE ROI TWO.—On the third and fifth levels stoping is proceeding steadily. On the 700 the drift to open up the continuation of the Annie vein as disclosed by the diamond drill is operating actively for the purpose of exploring for the downward strike of the Annie ledge. In the No. 1 mine the usual work has been continued steadily.

CENTRE STAR.—Nothing of interest has developed in connection with the mine. The management states that the usual program has been adhered to closely without incident.

WAR EAGLE.—During the week a couple of cars of ore from the mine were shipped to the Silica works for concentration tests. Mining and development are proceeding steadily down to the 700 level.

WHITE BEAR.—The week has not been prolific of developments in connection with the White Bear mine. The operations have been confined to the drifting in the 850 level, which is being extended to cut the high grade ore bodies disclosed on the 700 level. The company's plans in respect to new buildings and plant are in abeyance pending the endorsation of the program by the shareholders at the annual meeting in Toronto on June 1.

KOOTENAY.—Shipments from the mine were comparatively light owing to the bad condition of the roads during the first few days of the period. Mining and development is maintained in the fourth and upper levels. Nothing of special interest is reported in connection with the underground operations.

GREEN MOUNTAIN.—The manager of the mine is expected in the city this week for the purpose of arranging for the installation of the new plant. Meantime no underground work is being done at the property.

HUNGRY MAN.—Mining operations are under way at the property, a shaft being planned to open up the ore body.

O. K.—The report from the property is that stoping is steadily under way, and that another shipment of ore is being prepared.

I. X. L.—The mine is being worked by the lessees. Some surface work was done last week, and it is believed that steps will be taken to open up the well mineralized area between the I. X. L. and O. K., which has not yet been touched.

ST. JOSEPH'S.—From Murphy creek comes the report that the St. Joseph's group is being steadily developed, and that the lower tunnel is rapidly nearing the ore body.

GIANT.—The management is arranging to resume work at the mine, and this will probably go into effect shortly. No definite announcement has been made as yet anent the wagon road into Burnt Basin.

NORWAY MOUNTAIN.—The report from Norway and St. Thomas mountains sections is that considerable activty has been manifested during the past few weeks and the prospect for a good summer is bright.

JUMBO.—Operations at the Jumbo are confined to the upper workings, and this program will not be varied until the proposed tramway to the wagon road is installed and arrangements made for the shipment of ore.

WEST END.—Reports are to hand of activity on several west end properties. The Big Four and Union Jack mines are being operated with small crews.

BOUNDARY SHIPMENTS.

The Granby smelter last week treated 7279 tons, making a total of 201,889 tons for the year.

	Week.	Total.
Gra[illegible]	6945	135,277
Mo[illegible]	3999	31,035
Snowshoe	1680	13,910
B. C.	210	9,175
Emma		8,006
Sunset	192	3,025
Providence		451
Totals	13,026	200,899

NELSON CIVIC SORE.

Periodical Exactions from the Women of the "Tenderloin."

NELSON, May 23.—The publicity recently given to Rossland's civic administration in the supreme court here has directed attention to what is regarded as a canker in Nelson's body corporate.

The monthly contributions by the women of the tenderloin are not made through the channel of the police department and entered in the shape of police fines, but are paid to the city clerk in the same manner as traders' licenses, or water and light dues. This process causes grave dissatisfaction.

A report is current to the effect that one keeper of a resort has been advised by an attorney that the corporation has illegally retained all the money she has thus paid at the city office, and that the party in question will make a test case by entering action to recover the amounts paid, covering a period of several years.

GEOGRAPHICAL SURVEY.

R. W. Brock Comes Back to Kootenay for Another Season.

The program of work for the Canadian geological survey during the coming season has been mapped out. Instead of having a large number of parties it is intended to reduce the number and provide better equipment in order to obtain more satisfactory results.

R. G. McConnell and J. Keele will continue to map out the mineral areas on the Klondike, with special reference to the gold-bearing gravels and reefs. R. W. Brock will investigate the silver-lead, copper and other ore deposits in the Kootenay district. D. B. Dowling will make detailed surveys of the coal-bearing strata of the foothill district east of the Rockies and in the Bow River Pass in Alberta. W. Leach will continue his work on the coal deposits of British Columbia. W. McInnes and W. J. Wilson will each have charge of parties on the still unexplored region southwest of Hudson Bay. Dr. Barlow and party will continue to investigate the nickel and iron deposits of Ontario. Three geologists will resume their separate investigations in Nova Scotia.

MUST BE SURVEYED.

Department's Ruling in Regard to Timber Licenses.

A Victoria dispatch says: It is understood that instructions were issued yesterday from the office of the chief commissioner of lands and works that all application hereafter for special timber licenses must be accompanied by plans of surveys made by land surveyors.

This order, it is stated, is to apply not only to applications made after this date, but to all those which have been filed at Victoria since March 26 of this year.

This announcement caused some surprise here and will probably cause more discussion from Vancouver. Several weeks ago it was announced from the department that such a measure would go into force and a storm of disapproval, represented by a delegation of loggers, came from the Mainland.

It was then stated, however, that in all probability the insistence on surveys would not be put into effect for several months to come.

THE BEST INVESTMENT IN ROSSLAND—Advertise in the Rossland Miner. It pays.

SIR THOMAS TALKS

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC TO DO NO MORE BUILDING AT PRESENT.

ANTI-CHINESE BILL AT OTTAWA IS ALSO A CAUSE OF OFFENCE.

At Vancouver Sir Thomas Shaughnessy was interviewed by a Province reporter, and part of the conversation was reported as follows:

"When does the C. P. R. intend to complete the construction of the Columbia & Western road from Midway to Penticton?" was asked.

"Just as soon as the company commences to secure some returns from the lines already in operation. The company will not build another mile of new road in the province of British Columbia until those already built are paying. Our lines constructed into the mining districts have proved very, very disappointing."

"It has been reported that the C. P. R. has surveyors running lines for a road from Sumas to Seattle and Tacoma and that the company is quietly purchasing the right of way for such a road?"

"The Canadian Pacific has no interests south of the boundary line, with the exception of the Sault line, and does not contemplate having any. The report regarding the company building a line from Sumas to Seattle is without foundation in fact. Neither does the company contemplate an extension from the Crow's Nest branch into the city of Spokane.

"It is possible that people who have recognized the trade which may be done in the state of Washington by building a road or roads having connections with the Canadian Pacific on this side of the line may be building, but the Canadian Pacific proper has nothing whatever to do with them," continued Sir Thomas.

"Does the company intend to extend the Sault road from St. Paul to Chicago either by the construction of a new line or by securing by purchase or otherwise the Wisconsin Central?"

"The company has no intention of running the Sault line to Chicago nor has it any idea of securing control of the Wisconsin Central with the idea of entering that city."

"Is it the intention of the C. P. R. to place another Empress liner on the run between Vancouver and Oriental ports?"

"It would be unreasonable to suppose that the company would for a moment consider the expenditure of two and a quarter million dollars on the construction of another Empress when the policy of Canada has a tendency to discourage Oriental trade," said the C. P. R. president.

"Do you refer to the increase in the head tax on Chinese?"

"Not specifically," replied Sir Thomas, "but you know that the company does a large and important trade with Oriental houses, and it has excellent trade with Chinese houses, largely made possible through the fair treatment Orientals have received at the hands of Canada. You must know that human nature the world over is much the same, and if any country were to discriminate against Canadians in legislation the people of this country would only be too quick to seek satisfactory retaliatory measures. For such reasons, it will be easily seen that the construction of another large Oriental steamship by the company must be something for the future to determine."

WANT THAT LAND.

Applicants for Coal Licenses in Disputed Territory.

The Miner's report from Fort Steele a few days since as to the ownership of Section 4589, comprising a million acres of coal and oil lands, being in doubt is borne out by the publication in the last issue of the B. C. Gazette of a number of applications for coal prospectors' licenses.

Applications are advertised for certificates of improvements on the Side Line claim near Ainsworth and the St. Joe on Lexington mountain in the Lardeau.

Certificates of incorporation are filed in respect to the Natural History Society of B. C. and the Selkirk Copper Mines, Limited.

Application for special licenses to cut timber are filed as follows: J. G. Allan on Burrard Inlet, William Bolitho on Jervis Inlet, W. J. Robinson on Warner Bay, Wilbur Johnston on Frederick Arm, F. Calbick on Bute Inlet, R. M. Fullerton on Elk river, Wallace Campbell on Read Island, John Marr on Frederick Arm, Henry Trueman on Frederick Arm, A. Stewart near Nakusp, George A. Laurie near Perry creek, East Kootenay.

Applications for coal prospectors' licenses in the Flathead river country are advertised as follows: Dell R. and Dora Adams, Lucy and George Ballard, Jessie and Norman Beers, R. J. Elliott, John Mott, P. McMillan, G. E. Griffiths, John Beattie, W. H. Smith, Lizzie M. Ingham, Henry Kruse, William Fuerste, Margaret A. Secord and J. H. Secord. W. H. Pierce applies for a license in Cassiar district.

EXCELLENT PROGRESS.

Excavating for Le Roi Two Concentrator Proceeding Rapidly.

Excellent progress is being made with the excavations for the foundations of the Le Roi Two concentrator. Already two floors have been levelled and the balance of the work is proceeding as rapidly as conditions permit.

The next step will be the laying of foundations for the machinery and the letting of a contract for the superstructure.

THE FERN MANAGER

ERNEST RAMMELMEYER HAS BRIGHT HOPES FOR ROSSLAND'S FUTURE.

IS OPERATING WELL KNOWN FREE GOLD PROPERTY IN NELSON DISTRICT.

"Rossland will have a population of 25,000 in three years!" This is the prediction of Ernest Rammelmeyer, a pioneer of the Rossland and Slocan camps, who is now operating the Fern mine at Hall Siding on the Spokane Falls & Northern. Mr. Rammelmeyer left last night for Nelson after spending a day in the city in connection with the purchase of some machinery for his stamp mill.

"When I say this I am not talking wildly, but base my deduction on conditions as I find them, having in mind the records of other camps where conditions approximated those of the Rossland camp." It is sincerely to be hoped that the Golden City will enjoy the prosperity predicted by the Fern manager, but in any event his remark is significant as indicating the feeling elsewhere as to Rossland's future. Citizens who have stood by the city since its inception have never had a moment's misgivings as to the ultimate outcome for the Golden City, but it was to be feared that this sentiment was not wholly shared on the outside, where the situation was not understood from personal observation; however, it is evident that another sentiment is arising which has in view a steady and substantial growth for the mining industry in this district. The developments of recent date seem to demonstrate that the new era of activity and prosperity is at hand, and the persistent advertisement of the new conditions has undoubtedly accomplished much in the direction of altering the viewpoint of outsiders with respect to the camp.

Mr. Rammelmeyer is extensively interested in the Slocan, having a stake of greater or less magnitude in no less than forty crown granted mineral claims. His views on the silver-lead question have recently received considerable publicity and commendation. In a nut-shell he recommends a commercial combination of lead producers whereby they will treat and manufacture their own lead products. The idea has been worked out at considerable length and its practicability supported by a number of precedents.

For the past six weeks or more Mr. Rammelmeyer has been operating the Fern mine near Hall Siding under a lease. The property is a well known free milling property whose record under five managements has presented numerous vicissitudes. The net result in all instances has been failure, prior to the present auspices. The property is equipped with a ten-stamp mill, which is now operating steadily. Fifteen men are engaged in stoping, development and the operation of the reduction works. The magnitude of the monthly cleanups is not disclosed, but Mr. Rammelmeyer gives an assurance that the Fern will be operated steadily for the next three years at least, which is the term of his lease.

'TWAS MOST SATISFACTORY.

A Welsh Mine Secures Splendid Results With Elmore Process.

Arthur H. Sancton, manager of the St. David's mine in North Wales, contributes a strong testimonial to the merits of the Elmore process of ore concentration as actually applied and in operation at the property specified. The plant is a six unit work and the company commenced continuous concentration on September 22, 1902, handling the tailings from a fifty-stamp mill. Only unskilled labor was available, but in a week the works were running steadily without a hitch in the oil plant. This alone speaks highly for the efficiency and design of the machinery, eliminating to a great extent the necessity of relying on the watchmulness of shiftmen to obtain good results.

The six units were adequately handled on each shift by two hydro men and two boys, with an extra man as oiler and cleaner. The total cost for labor was sixty shillings per diem, or 4.8d per ton of ore treated on a 150 ton per day basis. The concentrates at the St. David's varied in value from 60 per cent to 10 per cent, and the tailings from the plant after concentration showed mere traces of copper. The oil loss worked out at under one gallon per ton of ore treated.

Many eminent mining men expressed their satisfaction at the smooth running and the excellence of the results obtained by the Elmore process at St. David's mine.

TRAIL REFINERY.

Progress With the Plant for Treatment of Silver Slimes.

Much activity is being displayed in and about the lead refinery at Trail. The plant for the treatment of silver slimes is rapidly nearing completion, the work being delayed somewhat by reason of the slow delivery of lumber and other necessary materials. The brick work is all done, and as soon as the building is finished it will be a very commodious one for the purpose intended. Plans are out for the erection of a new melting plant, to be used in connection with the refinery. This building also will be made of brick, and be a valuable adjunct to Trail's new and growing industry of lead refining. The operation of these plants will be in charge of Mr. Robert L. Whitehead, formerly manager of the Seattle refinery, who is a metallurgist of considerable reputation in this particular line.

The Trail refinery is now attracting the attention of the mining world in general, and its process of refining is being investigated to an extent that augurs well for the future of refining lead by means of electricity. In fact, many authorities are predicting that it will surely do away with the old zinc desilverization process, now adopted universally.

A BIG ORE BODY.

Peculiar Find in Wellington Camp — Coal Company's Operations.

GRAND FORKS, May 23.—Coke shipments from the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company to the smelters in the Boundary district have fallen of very appreciably during the past month. In consequence the Granby company has been obliged to curtail its operations, only two furnaces now being in blast.

A phenomenal strike was recently made in the Edith L. fraction adjoining the Athelstan mine, in Wellington Camp. An upturned tree exposed croppings which, uncovered, proved to be over a hundred feet wide of solid shipping ore. The big showing is 100 feet from the Athelstan side line, and it is a certainty that the ore body dips into that claim. Average values from the ledge are $11 in gold and silver. The ore, however, is not self fluxing. The property is owned by Jack Farrell, a prospector who has owned claims in Wellington Camp for nearly ten years. W. J. Morrison and James Anderson, of this city, visited the big showing this week. They described it as a wonder.

William Blakemore, M. E., consulting engineer to the British Columbia Coal Company, Ltd., was a visitor here this week, accompanied by C. Corliss, C. E., Montreal. He awarded Joseph Wiseman the contract for building a pack trail to the company's coal locations, and subsequently left for the Lardeau district. Mr. Wiseman and a gang of fourteen men have gone north. The contract, which involves an expenditure of $1500, will be completed in a fortnight, when a diamond drill plant will be shipped into the coal fields. Mr. Blakemore will start operations which will be in charge of Mr. Corliss all summer. Mr. Blakemore will visit the coal fields at intervals.

PHOENIX MATTERS.

New Compressor at Work—Coke for Granby Smelter.

PHOENIX, May 23.—This week one side of the first half of the new 60-drill air compressor that has just been installed by the Granby mines in this camp, was put in commission, after being thoroughly tested, and is now being used for power for the drills in both the Old Ironsides and Knob Hill mines. In a few days, when the half is all in use, the new compressor will be utilized to drive the hoists also. The machinery gave general satisfaction in the initial test, and has been running smoothly since.

The Granby smelter, which has been running three furnaces for a month, blew out one furnace yesterday, leaving two in operation. The company, however, has made arrangements for a supply of 2000 tons of coke from Fairfax, Washington, a little town in the Cascades. This should begin to arrive next week, when it is confidently expected that the full battery of four furnaces, using up 1600 tons of ore daily, will be in operation.

S. H. C. Miner, president of the Granby company, and a party of American and Canadian directors, are expected to arrive in the Boundary in a few days on an annual trip of inspection of the company's mines and smelter.

YMI RNOTES.

A Successful Celebration Held on Victoria Day.

YMIR, May 26.—Victoria Day celebration passed off satisfactorily to all. Some 200 persons came in from Nelson on the morning train, and these were met by a large float containing the children, the Nelson band preceding them, while after them marched the members of the Ymir Miners' Union. Games of all descriptions were indulged in. In the afternoon there was an exciting drilling match between two teams from the Ymir mine. One composed of Dan McDonald and Tom Farrell drilled 41 1-8 inches in the allotted time of 15 minutes, while Dan Bethune and Jim Brown drilled 35 1-4 inches. After this came a baseball game between Ymir and Salmo, which was played for all that there was in it, Ymir winning, the score being 13 to 11. Ymir's success was due to the excellent playing of T. H. Atkinson.

In the evening the day finished up with a ball, which was crowded. Yesterday will be a red letter day in the history of this camp, as it passed off in an enjoyable way to all, no accidents or arrests being made to mar the day's sport.

Owing to the illness of Conductor Bywater, of Kalispell, Mont., president of the Broken Hill Mining and Milling company, the annual meeting that was to have taken place a few days ago has been postponed till the 15th June.

Eugene Croteau, of the Dumas mines, paid a visit to the camp yesterday in connection with the property.

There must have been 700 or 800 people in Ymir yesterday. The mines closed down to allow the men to come down and participate.

DEADLY MINE GAS.

Four Men Killed by an Explosion in Pennsylvania.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 26.—Four men were killed and two badly burned by an explosion of gas in the mines of the Charters coal and coke company at Federal, a mining town near Bridgeville, on the Pittsburg, Charters and Youghiogheny railway. The mine is but slightly injured.

CALLED ON TO RESIGN

Eberts and Wells Asked to Give up Their Portfolios.

Prospects of the Government Being Defeated Today.

VICTORIA, May 26.—Premier Prior has anticipated the report of the special committee appointed to investigate the Columbia & Western land scandal, and this afternoon he asked for the resignations of the two members most intimately associated with that deal, namely, Messrs. Eberts and Wells. This step is believed to be but the prelude to stirring events which will mark the opening of the house tomorrow, for the two ministers concerned are not disposed to accept their degradation meekly, and are preparing a counter statement with which to meet the announcement of the first minister when the house opens tomorrow afternoon.

It is expected that upon the resumption of business tomorrow the committee mentioned will table the result of its deliberations. Members of the committee are pledged to secrecy, but the precipitate action of Colonel Prior has given further color to the rumor that they will report adversely to the government as a whole but particularly against Messrs. Wells and Eberts. The premier probably obtained some hint of the proposed action of the committee, for, as far as can be learned, he took summary steps to rid his cabinet of the two colleagues referred to without consulting the other ministers or of acquainting the governor with his course.

The letters which the premier sent to the attorney-general and the chief commissioner of lands and works are said to have been very similar in character. He upbraids them with the course they have pursued in connection with the Columbia & Western, but, oddly enough, he lays particular stress upon the inefficiency of the two departments. It is stated that in his letter to Eberts the premier alluded to the course of the attorney-general on bill number sixteen, and said that he expected the attorney-general, if he was unable to support that measure, to resign.

It is stated that Eberts will in his reply contend that he placed his portfolio at the disposal of the first minister on that occasion, and in fact flourished it in the face of the premier, but was persuaded by him to remain in his department.

The turn events have now taken is interpreted by the two ministers concerned as merely an attempt on the part of Colonel Prior to place the onus of responsibility belonging to all on the shoulders of two and to intrench himself at the expense of his other ministers.

The premier's action further complicates the position of the lieutenant-governor, and the question on all lips now is: What course will he take? Messrs. Wells and Eberts and their friends declare that Prior knew a year ago all the facts which have now been disclosed, but that it served his purposes at that time to retain them because only in that way could he retain office. With a majority of but two or three, the premier will take big chances when he tomorrow publicly reads two of his ministers out of the party and drives their votes to the opposition, which will not be slow to push an advantage and if possible spring a vote of want of confidence.

Another disquieting feature attaches to the personality of Provincial Secretary McInnes. It would surprise no one if tomorrow he announces that as soon as supply is voted he will withdraw from the ministry. This would place the premier in the position of having only a minority of colleagues left, the minister of finance alone standing by him.

Smith Curtis announces that he will take up the cudgels for Wells when the house assembles. John Houston may do the same. Party lines are regarded as the inevitable outcome of the mix-up, but the burning question is, who will lead?

It is learned tonight that the committee have not yet completed their report, but it is believed it will reflect strongly on Eberts and Wells.

Martin arrived down from Vancouver tonight, and was surprised to hear of the turn affairs had taken.

The opposition members are having a caucus tonight. The felling among them is that they can defeat the government tomorrow.

Later—At the opposition caucus tonight the members decided to stand firm and decline any compromise with Prior. The defeat of the government tomorrow is now looked on as certain, as Eberts and Wells will abstain from voting, if they do not actually vote against the government.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25 cents.