

has 750 feet to right and left of location line. The assessment work for 1897 was also recorded, which gives it that "good faith" appearance which the Judge always looks for. It took my partner and myself a whole day to find out if such a claim as described had been located at all. The saving regulation regarding "good faith" is responsible for the slipshod manner in which in too many cases claims are located, and it would certainly seem advisable that it should be done away with, so that a prospector would know that if he failed to comply with legal requirements, he must expect to "pay the piper."

Rossland, B.C.

SCOTTY.

A COAST SMELTER.

TO THE EDITOR:—As a matter of mining interest I take pleasure in informing you that the Van Anda Copper and Gold Company will immediately erect the first smelter on the coast of British Columbia. The plant occupies four cars, weighs ninety tons, has a capacity of more than fifty tons per day, and is *en route* by Great Northern to Seattle, and by boat from there to Van Anda City, Texada Island, B.C., which is in the midst of the Company's ten properties. These properties are now sufficiently developed to supply fifty tons per day of \$30 ore, which will give the Company a net profit per ton of at least \$20. Repeated shipments of the ore during the past two years to various smelters have proved this value in the ores. After September 1st the Company will make daily shipments of matte carrying about fifty per cent. copper, three ounces gold, and fifty ounces silver per ton.

H. W. TREAT,

Secy. & Treas., Van Anda Mining Co.

THE TINHORN WATER SUPPLY.

TO THE EDITOR:—The letter contained in your last issue, from Messrs. Dier, Davidson and Russell accuses me of misrepresentation. In answer I may say that at the time the letter complained of was written by me, the Tinhorn mill had stopped work for lack of water. All that trouble is over now, and has been for some time, as the company has piped water from a creek one and one-half miles south of Tinhorn Creek. I may say that the letter of mine which Messrs. Dier, Davidson and Russell complained of was written last December.

Fairview, B.C.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

H. (Vancouver).—There has been some delay in replying to your question but the Company is not a prominent one and information was difficult to procure. Two eighty feet tunnels have been driven and thirty feet of open cutting. The company has funds in the treasury, and from all accounts means business.

A. McG. (Camp McKinney). It is a matter of regret that you marked your communication "private." We should have been delighted to publish so entertaining an effusion. It is a mistake on general principles to fulminate, and trying to the nervous system. The reference to the Minnehaha was made on the best authority, but if a mistake occurred you surely might ask for a correction in a less offensive manner. We have called the attention of A. W. More & Co. to the fact that the stock has not been quoted in their list, and the matter will be remedied.

G. L. (Inverness, Scotland).—We fear that we are unable to take advantage of your offer.

S. M. (Redhill, Eng.)—No foundation for the rumour.

B. T. (Toronto).—The river will be open for navigation by at any rate the second week in May.

A. (Brandon).—The stock may recover, but do not hold too long. It is not regarded as a very desirable investment.

Mining Engineer (Auckland, New Zealand).—Do not care to assume the responsibility of advising you in the matter. There are, however, openings in the country for good men desiring to establish a practice for themselves in the new districts.

THE STOCK MARKET.

Stocks have been active during the month of April, and brokers have found it difficult to fill orders at prices offered.

In Trail Creek stocks, War Eagle has been in great demand, and the price has advanced from \$1 to \$1.60, and is likely to go higher. Deer Park has also been a favorite and the stock is hard to get at fourteen cents. Very large blocks of Mugwump have changed hands as some one appears to be endeavouring to secure control. Monte Christo and Good Hope have been ready sellers at any price under the regular quotation, and the Silver Bell stock appears to be commencing to move. A number of sales have been made of Josie, Iron Mask and Virginia. In the Slocan and Nelson districts the favorite seller has been Athabasca, owing to the reported sale of this property to an English Company, and the stock has advanced from twenty-six to thirty-five cents.

In sympathy with the Athabasca deal B.C. Gold Field's shares have been very active in the neighbourhood of six to seven cents as the B.C. Gold Fields own a large interest in the Athabasca. A number of Dardanelles have changed hands from ten to eleven cents.

In the Fairview Camp several blocks of Tin Horn have been sold outside at fifteen cents, and Winchester is quoted at twenty-one cents.

Cariboo of Camp McKinney has been enquired for at fifty-two to fifty-five cents with few offering at these prices, but some asking fifty-nine to sixty cents.

In Coast stocks Van Anda shares are coming into favor owing to the fact that the Van Anda Company intend erecting a smelter at once with a capacity for over fifty tons per day. Van Anda shares are at five to six cents. Channe shares are also changing hands at twelve cents.

In Lillooet district Golden Cache shares are quoted from eighty to eighty-five. It is understood this Company is spending large sums of money in new machinery and additional stamps.

SHIPPING MINES.

ROSSLAND.

Following are the ore shipments from the mines adjacent to Rossland from January 1 to April 16, 1898:

	Tons.
Le Roi	17,991
War Eagle	1,925
Centre Star	370
Poorman	308
Iron Mask	1,033
Cliff	140
Velvet	350
Total	22,117

Shipments from the Slocan mines to the 16th of the month were fairly heavy, but the output will not quite come up to that of March. The principal shipments were from the Payne, Idaho, Ruth, Last Chance, Rambler and Montezuma, while the Queen Bess and Black Diamond (Ainsworth) are now steadily shipping. The Slocan Star will again ship continuously next month. The following table shows the total shipments of ore:

	Tons.	Value.
Total for January	9,500	\$1,197,489
Total for February	8,678	949,138
Total for March	10,489	594,436
Total to April 16th	1,991	245,043

APRIL DIVIDENDS.

WHITEWATER Mines, \$10,000, April 1st. London & B.C. Gold Fields, Lt., one shilling per share, equal to ten per cent. of the paid up capital; April 1st. The Company own the Ymir mine, in the district of the same name.

Le Roi, Rossland, \$50,000, April 10th. This is the twenty-fourth dividend paid by the Company to date, the aggregate sum being \$825,000.

MACHINERY NOTES.

THE volume of business transacted by the local iron works of Vancouver and Victoria, has increased enormously of late, as a result, chiefly, of the rush to the Klondike gold fields. In the B.C. Iron Works of Vancouver