

the continuation of the big chute opened above.

This strike is probably the most important ever made in the camp. The reputation of the entire South Belt may be said to have depended on the success of the Crown Point. If no vein had been found at the depth of 160 feet, it would have been a clear case of petering out, something that has not yet happened to a Rossland mine, and this very fact constitutes the strongest ground for faith in the permanency of the camp.

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The Slocan.

The Sapphire is shipping a car load of ore this week.

Moore has commenced work again on the Purcell claim which adjoins the Goodenough and Grey Copper.

Two claims on Cody Creek called the Glen and Liberal have recently been bought by an English syndicate.

The R. E. Lee is shipping steadily. There is a nice showing of grey copper in the face of the main tunnel.

Avalanches in the vicinity of Sandon have seriously impaired transportation, especially over the Kaslo and Slocan railway.

The water supply for the Slocan Star concentrator is rapidly rising. The company will soon be able to dispense with its steam power.

Work on the Bondholder progresses slowly. The tunnel is in 300 feet, has cross-cut one lead and is within 25 feet of the main ledge. It is expected to strike the shaft within three weeks.

The tunnel on the Dalhousie has been put in about 400 feet, another 100-foot contract having just completed. The lead has not been struck and the property is in about the same condition apparently as a month ago.

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Kootenay.

The workmen at the Ibex last week came upon the lead, for which they have been driving for several months, at a distance of 235 feet. Where encountered the lead was about 18 inches in width, carrying some ore. Drifts on the lead to right and left were at once started with the result that on Saturday the lead opened out on the left to 3½ feet, all high grade concentrating ore.

Work on the London is progressing rapidly. In the upraise to the winze, dropping from the upper tunnel on the North Fork side of the mountain, ore was encountered. The company is preparing to let a contract to continue this upraise 100 feet to connect with the winze, which, when completed, will give opening through the mountain 800 feet in length. Immediately on completion of the upraise, the company will begin stoping and shipping ore.

EAST KOOTENAY.

The Sullivan group situated 20 miles from Fort Steele and two miles from the famous North Star mine, in East Kootenay, has been purchased by a number of the members of the Le Roi company. The claims to be operated by the company are the Hamlet, Shylock and Hope, and as soon as the weather permits machinery will be sent in and a force of men set to work developing the claim. The surface shows remarkable croppings, being from 15 to 25 feet of solid galena ore. Assays run from \$20 to \$60 per ton.

A special to the *Toronto World* from Montreal says: One of the largest single ore

contracts ever given out in British Columbia has just been signed here by the owners of the North Star Mining Co. of East Kootenay comprising Dan Mann, Sir William Van Horne and other eastern capitalists. They have agreed to deliver 5,000 tons of their silver and lead ore to the United Smelting and Refining Co. of East Helena and Great Falls, Montana, the same to be delivered during May, June and July. The International Transportation Company, of which Mr. Jim Wardner is president, will carry the ore from the mine to Jennings, on the Great Northern, then to be forwarded by rail. The North Star shipped 2,500 tons last season, and they have been waiting for the Crow's Nest Pass Road to enable them to carry on the full development of this great mine, which experts claim has \$14,000,000 worth of ore in sight. The owners refuse to say what this latest 5,000-ton deal will net them, but a little bird gives the total figure at about \$250,000, and the best of it is the entire quantity is already mined and on the river bank.

WEST KOOTENAY.

The West Kootenay Power and Light Co. is seeking a blanket charter within 50 miles of Rossland, to supply power, light and heat, to erect buildings, etc., to construct and operate railways, operate telephone systems, etc., in the towns and cities and throughout the said cities of West Kootenay.

Within the area affected by this bill are located Rossland, Nelson, Trail, Sayward, Salmo, Robson, Cascade City, Grand Forks, Greenwood City, Anaconda, Boundary Falls, Midway and many of the best known mining camps, nearly all of which are in their infancy.

To give such power with incidental privileges of monumental extent to this octopus company, says the *Nelson Miner*, means the creation of a gigantic monopoly. The passage of this bill will place in private hands practical control over a wide extent of territory. But the legislators seem to think that it is all right.

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Trail Creek.

Wild Horse claim has been sold for \$500 cash.

A strike of free silver is reported from the Elise on Wild Horse creek.

The well known Hilda claim near Waneta has been sold to Toronto people, represented by Isaac Anderson. The owners, McCoy Bros., received \$15,000 for the property.

The two calcining furnaces at the smelter were started this week. The building is 100x160 feet and the furnaces are so constructed as to permit of being enlarged on both sides.

The Dundee mine in the Parker group is being steadily worked and the shaft is now in solid ore at a depth of 94 feet. A crosscut to examine the size of the vein will be started at the 100 foot level.

An institution at Trail is now furnishing a superior power drill. Within 30 days this industrial and commercial city will be the seat of an establishment that will manufacture the giant force used to tear the glittering ores from their iron chambers. Nitro-glycerine powders will be prepared for commercial purposes at Trail by the Canada Powder Company of British Columbia.

Immense quantities of ore are being brought over the road to the Trail smelter and the present business, large as it is, is nothing to that for which preparations are being made. Most of the Le Roi's output

now comes to the Trail smelter and the War Eagle resumed shipments this week. The Iron Mask has been shipping here all the time and is now in shape to increase its shipments. The Kootenay has not yet resumed shipments since the transfer of that property to Mr. Heinze, because it is impossible to get sleds up to the ore dump owing to the deep snow.

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Kaslo.

The Kootenay Mining and Protective Association has been organized. It has a strong membership and will no doubt prove of value to the mining industry.

The mineral claims Humming Bird, Robin and White Swan, situated in Whitewater basin, have been sold to J. T. Wilkinson, the widely known representative of the Vancouver *World*.

C. F. Caldwell has purchased the mineral claim Surprise No. 2, which is situated on the right hand bank of Glacier creek, about three miles from its mouth, and has men already at work developing the property, which is said to be unusually promising.

Some Chinamen have again commenced placer mining on Kaslo creek just outside of the city limits. They have worked in the same vicinity on previous occasions, but it has never been accurately ascertained how much they took out as they are reticent as to their earnings.

New locations in considerable numbers have already been recorded at the office of the mining recorder in this city. Thus far, however, they are principally relocations of ground abandoned or run out. It is presumed that the locators knew pretty well where to place their discovery stakes.

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Cariboo.

Mining matters are reported very bright; there will probably be 500 men employed within a radius of 15 miles from the mouth of Quesnelle constructing ditches, flumes and dredging. Then at the Forks of Quesnelle and Horse Fly there will be fully 1,000 men at work. At Barkerville considerable change has taken place. The old town is reviving and only awaits the iron horse to be equal to many other mining centres. Some 30 men are engaged on quartz claims. The reduction works are running night and day, making tests of the ore.

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Trout Lake.

The balance of \$10,000 on the Great Northern bond is forthcoming.

The American, bonded by Abrahamson Bros. to James Dixon, has been turned over by the latter to Vancouver people.

On Tuesday the Horne-Payne company made the final payment of \$13,400 due on the Broadview and \$10,000, the final payment, on the Old Sonoma and Phillipsburg.

On Saturday last Abrahamson Bros. bonded the Morning Star, Wild Man and Alice to a Scotch syndicate for \$30,000. The Morning Star and Wild Man are located on the Silver Cup lead and the Alice on a parallel one. The two former are silver propositions and assays from the latter give \$53 in gold.

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Pilot Bay.

A vein four feet wide runs across the Gold Bug and Virginia Dare claims on Hooker creek and assay results show \$16 of gold, 93 ounces of silver and 12 per cent. lead.

At Mountain Bell the vein varies in width from 3 to 20 feet and is a very high grade gold proposition. Two tunnels have been driven on