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MINING NOTES.

There seems to be room for prospectors in Ontario. It is now stated that there is a mineral zone of value extending through the Parry Sound district, and that good ore has been found near Sundridge and in other sections of the district.

A quiet little boom is being worked up by Kamloops men, who have some meritorious gold-copper claims near their town.

St. Paul has now a three-drill compressor plant, and active work on the fine ore of this claim has been begun.

The Hall Mines smelter, after running for a few days, has again closed down. No reason has been made public.

The Great Hopes claim, at Deadwood, Boundary Creek, has been sold for \$12,000.

Six months ago, says a news dispatch, a number of Denver men commenced prospecting for zinc and lead in Trego and Ellis counties, Kansas. Reports of rich discoveries were made, and assays apparently showed a very rich vein of zinc. Excitement increased until Kansas City and Topeka capitalists put in \$200,000 for machinery to smelt the ores. Prof. Hovarth of the Kansas University made a report which shows that there are not even traces of zinc and lead in that region. The scheme was originated by Denver parties, who first secured options on lands and then sold out to the Topeka and Kansas City parties at a fabulous price.

F. C. Whitney, of Revelstoke, is in San Francisco for the purpose of purchasing a mill for the Orphan Boy, of which he is secretary and treasurer.

Nice looking ore is reported on the hanging wall of the Juliet.

The Iron Mask will soon be a shipping mine. Yesterday pay ore was struck in two different places in the workings.

The inflow of water has caused a stoppage of work in the Silver Bell, one of the best known properties on the South Belt. A pump and hoist will be installed at once. The showing at the bottom of the 75-foot shaft is excellent.

A new ore body has been uncovered in the City of Spokane.

Assays of \$212 have been obtained from the sylvanite, or telluride of gold in the Jumbo.

A working tunnel is to be run on the Ottawa, which adjoins the Silver Bell.

At the meeting of the Red Eagle trustees it was decided to place the price of treasury shares at 10 cents, the change to take effect on January 2. Work is being vigorously prosecuted on this property, and considerable interest is being taken in the progress of development.

There is now a 35-foot tunnel on the IbeX, one of the South Belt claims, to attract attention recently. Five men are at work on the claim.

Not a little development work is being carried on by owners of claims on the Colville Reservation, and some good ore is in sight.

The Red Mountain mine is now a shipper. The first carload of ore has been sent to the Tacoma smelter. It carries good values in gold and copper.

There is a report to the effect that the new smelter for Rossland will be built on Maid of Erin ground, which is convenient to a number of the best mines in the South Belt.

Title to the Butte was perfected this evening. This claim, owned by the Butte Gold-Copper Mining Company, is now in excellent condition and has a very flattering outlook. The shaft, now down over eighty feet, will reach the hundred-foot level by the middle of January. Ten additional feet will then be sunk for a "sump," after which drifting and cross-

cutting will begin. Owing to the interesting character of the ore, assaying as high as \$22 per ton, through which the Butte shaft has passed in the last fifty feet, the company has been tempted to change the direction of the shaft and follow the ore. Having refrained from so doing they will now have an excellent milling shaft through which the claim may be economically explored and operated.

Le Roi's next dividend will not be declared until the regular meeting in January.

The new tunnel on the View is now in over seventy feet.

The seven-drill compressor now in use in the Le Roi has been purchased by the Lily May people, and will be installed on the pioneer claim when the new compressor is in place on the Le Roi.

War Eagle workings are now 320 feet below the surface, and the ore being taken out is the richest yet found in the mine.

An Ottawa despatch says: An application will be made at the next session of parliament for building a railway from Burrard inlet, Vancouver, B. C., to Lethbridge, with branch lines to Kamloops and through the delta to the Gulf of Georgia.

It is understood, says a Toronto paper, that Deputy Provincial Secretary Lumsden has refused to sign the papers incorporating an Ontario mining company that owned no mine in the province. The government, it is further stated, is now insisting that a company seeking incorporation must own an Ontario mine and carry on operations within the limits of the province.

The Mascot is looking immense. In this claim alone the Big Three Company has one of the finest properties in the camp, while the Southern Belle and Snowshoe are also potential mines.

There has been an influx of disorderly characters in the camp, but vigilance on the part of the small but efficient police force is effective in preserving the safety of person and property and either is as secure in Rossland as in any town of its size in the world.

Deer Park continues to present a good showing. In this mine the camp has an early producer.

The Kootenay-London Company is placing machinery on the Annie Fraction.

Several of the standard stocks are being somewhat neglected by investors, who are favoring some of the newer propositions. This has caused a slight decline, and, consequently, this is a good time to buy stocks, if ordinary discrimination be used.

The Young America shaft is now down over eighty feet. For some time the shaft has been in a well-defined vein, filled with good looking stuff, carrying little or no value. Recently the vein matter has been changing rapidly for the better, and four feet of fine looking ore is now reported in the bottom of the shaft.

Most of the trails in this vicinity have been kept open up to the present, the snowfall in the vicinity of the camp having been only moderate.

Half a dozen mines, eager for shipping honors, are being vigorously worked, and we should soon see a substantial addition to the list of Rossland's producing mines.

Poorman stock has fluctuated somewhat, but is still in a better position than before the assessment.

The Elise, on Wild Horse creek, is said to be improving as work proceeds.

Very favorable progress is being made on the Delacola.

Sinking on the Sunset shaft is again under way. For a few days work was suspended until some loose ground could be timbered and made safe. The shaft, which is now down between fifty and sixty feet, will be continued by the Canadian Gold Fields Syndicate as much further as can be economically done without machinery. A power plant will then be put in. The Sunset has the ear marks of a big mine.