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## FROM OTHER CAMPS

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### WAGES CUT IN SIMILKAMEEN

### Placer Mining in the Vicinity of Revelstoke—Diamond Drill Discloses Rich Ore Bodies on the Highlander—Activity at Phoenix—Oth-

Reports from the various mining centers continue to be of a very encouraging character. Never before in the history of the province have so many men been employed. Each week records are made of the tonnage of ore which is being crushed. The Standard Pyritic Smelter is now in operation. The mine has cut down wages, resulting in the miners quitting work. The grading of the site of the enlargement of the smelter has been completed and the construction of the buildings will soon be under way.

From a Greenwood exchange it is stated that the Pyritic smelter will soon begin the treatment of ores. Recently the plant has been slightly changed to meet unforeseen contingencies. The smelter is credited with 90 per cent of the Boundary tonnage. There is nothing new in the silver-lead question although the decision of the Dominion government is expected shortly. A rich strike is reported from the Bosun, a rich Slocan property. A diamond drill seems to have accomplished the same results in the Highlander mine near Ainsworth. Placer mining promises to be a considerable placer in the vicinity of Revelstoke this summer.

### THE BOUNDARY.

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The working force on the Montreal-Boston Mining company's Sunset mine in the Boundary was lately increased to 26 men. The work of sinking the main shaft is proceeding rapidly, a depth of nearly 400 feet having been attained. Satisfactory development in connection with this property may be looked for shortly.

On the last Channel, one of the Oro Fino group at Rock Creek, owned by Jas. Atwood and John Douglas, a 2-foot vein of fine looking ore has been opened up in a short tunnel. The showing is a very promising one. S. W. Hall, manager of the Oro Fino mine at Rockland, reports that the early part of the work in Greenwood, which is stated that while here he made a thorough examination of the Morrison mine in the Boundary.

Andrew Laidlaw has returned from the east. He has retired from the position of managing director of the Standard Pyritic Smelter and the Standard Copper Company and is now in the Boundary.

On Wednesday the remainder of the ore hauler, out through the winter from the Carmel, west fork, was brought up from Midway for treatment at the Greenwood smelter.

Visitors to the Ruby, near Boundary Falls, report that Geo. Cook has shown up some nice ore in several open cuts recently made on the claim.

San Jarrell was down from Summit camp, and reports things lively in that vicinity. He says the Blue Bell and J. M. Bell are showing some of the best ore he has seen in the Boundary, and the ore body is getting better all the time.

The R. Bell is making a splendid showing in the crosscut, where the lead was cut last week and it is expected to commence shipping from this property about the first of the month.

Other claims in the camp are being developed and are making excellent showings.

S. F. Parrish, manager of the B. C. mine, L. S. Moulton Barrett and T. H. Peterson, acting manager of the Greenwood branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, were visitors to the Mother Lode last Saturday. They were shown through the mine by the B. C. Copper Company's general manager, F. Keffer, M. E. McParish was much struck with the effectiveness and economy of the ore sorting secured by the higher grade ore plant, and was well pleased with the smoothness with which the 35-drill Ingersoll-Sergeant compressor works.

From J. Haney, manager of the R. Bell in Summit camp, it was learned early in the week that sinking the vertical shaft on this claim was stopped at about 250 feet depth, and that a crosscut, now being run to cut the ledge, was seen in about fifty feet.

The ledge should be encountered between 100 and 130 feet in, according to the dip. Mr. Haney anticipates having lots of ore in sight ere next month closes. The present bottom of the shaft is about 300 feet below the croppings which occur higher up the hill than the mouth of the shaft.

W. Rowe was in town from the Jewel in Long Lake camp, on Wednesday. It is expected that, upon the return from London of the manager, Gilbert Mahon, work will be actively proceeded with at the mine. Mr. Mahon, when he left for England, expressed his intention to return about June 15th, but it is hardly probable that he will get back until some time in July at the earliest.

E. J. Wilson, superintendent of the Standard Pyritic Smelting company's smelter, has returned from Quebec, where he went to attend a meeting of the company. A month ago Mr. Wilson reported to the directors upon the smelter, construction work on which had been well advanced toward completion before he arrived to take charge. In his report Mr. Wilson made certain recom-

mendations involving changes at the smelter and those have been accepted by the directors, who are now acting along the lines he recommended. It is not yet definitely settled when the smelter will be in operation, but there will probably be a further delay of a few weeks. Meanwhile efforts will be made to arrange to secure a sufficient supply of ore to keep the smelter running when once the furnace shall have been blown in.

H. E. Price, brother of the president of the company, has succeeded Mr. Laidlaw as manager of the company in this district. He came to Greenwood several weeks ago to look after the large interests his brother has in this neighborhood, so is already familiar with the affairs of both the Standard Pyritic Smelting company and of the Standard Copper company, which has been doing work on several mineral claims in the district.

One of the busiest spots in Phoenix camp today is the vicinity of the Brooklyn shaft house. Last week the first car of new machinery arrived, consisting of the two 80-horse power boilers and the Bullock diamond drill, all of which were supplied by the Bradley Engineering Co., of Spokane. The same company will supply the two large hoists, which are expected to arrive any day.

The air compressor comes from Montreal. The work of extending the south drift at the 250-foot level of the Brooklyn, to connect with the Idaho workings, across the valley, is being steadily pushed. The workmen are now in about 600 feet from the shaft, and probably 100 feet below the creek bed, heading for the Idaho. Nearly all of this drifting is said to be in good ore.

The deepening of the shaft of the Brooklyn is also progressing, and has now got down some 25 feet or more. This week the two compressors supplied, and are now working in good shape. Three shifts are working in the shaft of each mine. The Idaho shaft has attained a depth of about 80 feet. At the Rawhide, also being developed by the Dominion Copper Co., Contractor Gillis has 15 men busy sinking.

Robert Wood, of Greenwood, and others associated with him, have merged their mining properties into a company, called the Vancouver-Boundary Development and Mining company, limited, with a capital of \$30,000 divided into 2,000 shares of 25 cents each. The company has many valuable interests, including the Sally group on the West Fork from which two carloads were recently shipped to the local smelter. The ore is very high grade, running as high as \$500 to the ton.

In the Penton camp the company has the Okanagan, Klondyke, Torpedo and Penton claims.

The principal claim—the Okanagan—situated on the east side of Okanagan lake, a little over half a mile from Penton wharf, has a true fissure lead between granite walls averaging so far about 3 1/2 feet wide.

The ore is iron and copper sulphides carrying gold, silver, copper and antimony, but chiefly in gold. Samples of this ore have been tested in different parts of the world and the average so far has been about \$20. A car load was shipped to the Tacoma smelter some years ago and 200-pound lots and half-ton lots have been shipped to other smelters for tests. There has been spent on this claim about \$10,000 cash. A tunnel was run into the bluff from the water's edge about 90 feet on the lead, and about 40 feet in from the south of the tunnel a shaft was sunk which is now down to the 100-foot level and which is timbered up with a double compartment. It is equipped with a 35-horse power boiler, hoist, pump, cars, etc., cook house, wharf, blacksmith shop and other bins.

The Klondyke is an extension of the Okanagan claim inland and the Torpedo wraps around the west end and extends 1,000 feet more of the extension of the lead under the lake.

The Penton is about 1 1/2 miles up Penton creek, east of the Okanagan claim, and has a contact lead of about 10 feet wide and granite. This claim crosses Penton creek a short distance, covering a splendid water power capable of supplying power for all the claims in this camp.

In the west fork of the Kettle river district the company has the Rob Roy, Sally, Highland Queen, Excelsior, Maple Leaf No. 2, and half interest in the Rosalie. In this group the Rob Roy and Sally are the most promising as they carry paystreaks of higher grade ore than any other claims the company owns, such as the Tariff, which uses the work done on it, composed of shafts and crosscuts. This claim has three distinct parallel leads, all of which may merge into one of depth. The main one of these leads average about 10 feet wide on the surface and has stringers of high grade ore running through it assaying as high as 300 per cent.

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