

ROSSLAND'S BUSY MINES

Shipments Are Large Although Operations Are Hampered.

Progress Made in Many Properties--A Busy Month Ahead.

Heavy snowfall throughout the district and the consequent difficulty in moving ore, interfered to some extent with the shipments from the Rossland camp last week, but despite these drawbacks the aggregate output was 7,860 tons, slightly in advance of the previous week's production. The last day or two of the week saw little or no ore shipped, the railroads being engaged in a battle with the snow that taxed their energies to the utmost.

The present week is likely to see an amendment of the conditions affecting the transportation of ore and the fuel supply, which have been the vexed questions of late. A strong force of men and a rotary snowplow have been at work for several days on the Canadian Pacific lines, and have succeeded in substantially improving the roadbed. A number of cars of coal are en route from Fernie to the War Eagle and Centre Star mines. These should commence to arrive by tomorrow, relieving the coal shortage, and with the car supply adequate the demand of the mines, shipping operations should proceed without further interruptions.

In connection with the big mines of the camp, the past week has seen comparatively few alterations in the main. The Le Roi got no cars yesterday for shipping, and today is "change day" for the shifts, so that no ore will be hoisted. Tomorrow the mine commences the new month with a clean slate and the larger monthly tonnage is expected to be achieved. The Centre Star has been closed down completely for a couple of days, due to car shortage and inadequate fuel supplies. Both troubles are likely to be arranged satisfactorily at once, and the present plan is to reopen the mine tomorrow and commence the month with a full crew and a large tonnage of ore broken down in the stope. The War Eagle's operations have been hampered by the non-arrival of expected coal shipments, but the first consignment of coal is expected tomorrow and this difficulty will be overcome. The Le Roi No. 2 has shipped seventeen cars of ore, and this may be taken as indicating a resumption of shipments on a small scale. Attention has already been devoted to the company's plans with respect to concentration, but nothing has developed as yet.

THE OUTPUT.

Shipments from the Rossland camp for the week ending January 31, and for the year to date are as follows:	Week.	Year.
Le Roi	4,856	15,717
Centre Star	1,550	7,350
War Eagle	1,200	4,825
Giant	50	220
Velvet	150	540
Kootenay	225	225
Le Roi No. 2	544	944
Homestake	90	90
Totals	7,860	29,641

AMONG THE MINES.

LE ROI.—The week's operations at the Le Roi have been along conventional lines, and nothing of special importance has been announced in connection with the working plans at the mine. Development work in the 1350 foot level is being carried ahead as usual, and diamond drilling on the 1050 foot level is still under way. The Black Bear stope is contributing largely to the ore now being shipped to Northport. At the same time the coke shortage is still chronic, and the immediate future is not likely to see the trouble remedied. However, the company is practically certain to succeed in the effort to ship 18,000 to 20,000 tons of ore during the month, which was announced at the first of the year. Various contingencies arising during January prevented the aggregate output was more than 2000 tons greater than in December.

LE ROI NO. 2.—Work on the 500 and 900 foot levels is progressing steadily and with excellent results. As will be seen from the shipping list for the week, the company has been compelled to hoist ore to get it out of the way, and this will probably continue to be the case, as more ore is being broken down in the work now under way than can be stored in the mine or ore bins. From week to week, therefore, the Le Roi No. 2 may be expected to ship 400 to 600 tons of ore, although stopping is not being done in the Josie. In the No. 1 mine one machine is breaking ore, and this will doubtless be continued. The ore body is comparatively small in size, but of high grade, and it is from high grade ore that the mine reaps the largest profits under existing conditions. Nothing further has developed in connection with the company's plans for the erection of an experimental concentrating plant on a commercial scale. This is being watched with keen interest.

CENTRE STAR.—The features of the week in connection with the Centre Star was the shut down on Friday night owing to the combined drawbacks of shortage in car supply and fuel. Both are being remedied as indicated already, and the mine starts up on Monday unless something unforeseen interferes. The delay is vexatious to the company; however, and it is to be hoped that no further difficulty will be experienced on this score. Development is being carried ahead steadily, particularly on the 400 and 600 foot east levels. The excessive seepage from the Nickel Plate workings

east of the shaft has been overcome by the installation of more powerful pumps, and this will no longer hamper development work in that section of the Centre Star. With the large tonnage of ore now broken down in the Centre Star stopes, the mine should ship a substantially larger total in February than was the case in January, although the month is a day or two shorter. This increase would have taken place had the mine not had the transportation facilities been adequate.

GIANT.—The work at the mine has been continued without interruption during the past week. The snow on Giant mountain is now eight feet deep on the level, but this has not interfered with the operation of the property. Of the two cars of ore credited to the mine, one was actually shipped during the preceding week, but not reported at that time. Tomorrow the compressor plant at the mine will be utilized again, and while this will not increase the crew it will materially expedite the work now in hand.

WHITE BEAR.—Work in the main shaft is still under way and is to be continued until drifting is started on the 900-foot level. Nothing of the interest has occurred at the property during the week.

KOOTENAY.—Although shipping has now been suspended for more than a week, the Kootenay is running along with the same crew. Development work is being pushed ahead with expedition and good results are being obtained. On the third level a number of men are engaged in timbering the stopes with a view to possible shipping operations at an early date. On the sixth level the face of the main drift is now in 2380 feet from the portal of the tunnel. In the crosscuts at the bottom of the 200-foot winze below the sixth level the crosscut has advanced ten feet east and west.

GREEN MOUNTAIN.—The workings in the lower level of the Green Mountain mine are being extended steadily with a small crew of men. Manager Lawry is at present in New York, and it is likely that a more comprehensive program of work will be adopted upon his return to the camp.

HOMESTAKE.—The Homestake company is preparing to shut down the mine for several months, and teamsters are engaged in bringing the movable parts of the plant to the city, where they can be stored safe from vandalism. It is believed, in fact an intimation has been given, that the mine may reopen at a comparatively early date under the direction of a thoroughly practical mining man, and that the company will expend a considerable sum at that time in exploring the ore body with a view to determining the location of the paystreaks in the various ore shoots.

CONTACT.—The development of the mine is proceeding along the lines that have been followed for some months. The main tunnel is being extended into the hill on the vein. The report from the property is to the effect that the ore remains strong and that big gains in vertical depth are being secured as the face advances into the hill. It is possible to operate the Contact on a moderate scale only under existing circumstances, because of the wholly inadequate transportation facilities. It is anomalous that a mining section located within a few miles of the trunk railroad should be as far from transportation, to all intents and purposes, as a Cariboo property, but this condition arises from the fact that the provincial government has failed to properly appreciate the approaching importance of Burnt Basin as an ore producing section, and has failed to provide wagon road connection between mine and railroad. It is practically out of the question for one mine to undertake this heavy task, and owing to the conditions to bring in bulky machinery or take out ore in bulk is impossible.

CASCADE-BONANZA.—These Norway mountain properties remain in the same position as previously. The enhanced activity at the Bonanza as soon as weather conditions are propitious promises to bring the section to the front and to establish its importance in the country tributary to the Rossland camp proper.

HUNGRY MAN.—The management of the Hungry Man property has purchased the Sigsbee hoist that has been in position at the Spitzer for the past year, and the apparatus will be shipped at once to Slocan Crossing. The scow intended to transfer supplies and machinery across Kootenay river to the foot of Hungry Man trail has been completed, and nothing now prevents the apparatus being taken up to the property. The weather conditions are such, however, that it is doubtful if mining operations will be inaugurated on any large scale until the snow goes off, when the company can work a double shift and thereby make up for the time lost at this juncture.

WAR EAGLE.—The conditions with respect to the fuel and car shortage have not been as serious at the War Eagle as was the case at the Centre Star, and the mine was operated continuously, although a few men were necessarily laid off during the last two days of the week. Stopping was continued, and the output was consequently lower than would have been the case had conditions been normal. Lack of fuel has hampered the War Eagle's operations, but fresh supplies are expected in today or tomorrow, and the difficulty will be abridged for the present at least. Development is progressing along the usual lines.

SOPHIE MOUNTAIN.—The condition of the road following the exceptionally heavy snowfall of the past week has made it impossible to secure the regular report of work at the Velvet mine. This will be forthcoming next week. It is known that the usual operations are under way, and it is believed that the work of drifting on the 500 foot level of the mine has also been undertaken as yet.

OTHER PROPERTIES. General interest will be taken in the announcement elsewhere to the effect that the Jumbo mine will be an active producer at an early date. Reference has been made in The Miner to the forthcoming resumption of operations at the Novelty, and it is safe to predict that in the course of the next week or two The Miner will be in a position to announce the return of other well known properties to the working list.

BOUNDARY SHIPMENTS. Shipments from Boundary mines for

the week and year to date are:

Week.	Total.
Granby	7,985
Mother Lode	2,888
Snowshoe	1,050
Emma	840
B. C.	690
Sunset	263
Totals	13,503

LIBRARY IS POPULAR.

Attendance Growing Steadily--Valuable Volumes Donated--More Are Wanted. The recently established free reading room at the fire hall grows steadily in public favor. The average attendance is rising, and it is nothing unusual for fifteen to twenty visitors to be in the rooms during an evening. This is taken to indicate that the institution is filling a genuinely felt want, and that as it becomes better known, its scope of usefulness will be widened.

Within the last few days a handsome addition has been made to the library section through the donation of some twenty volumes entitled "Masterpieces of World Literature." The set is complete and handsomely bound. It is the contribution of Lieutenant Gordon Logan, and is thoroughly appreciated by the library board.

It is felt that the public generally has not responded with nearly the amount of unanimity that was expected when an appeal was made for books to float the library. The number of volumes contributed is comparatively small, and the committee is anxious to add to this deficit as extensively as possible. Any Miner reader who feels disposed to assist the library project may do so by dropping a note in the city post office addressed to the "Public Librarian." Volumes volunteered in this way will be promptly called for.

CAN'T SHIP THEIR ORE

Centre Star and War Eagle Have More Ore Than Cars.

The Railway Can't Supply Enough Cars to Move Tonnage.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

With every stope in the mine filled with broken ore, the Centre Star mine is compelled to shut down for three days until the Canadian Pacific delivers cars at the ore bunkers to move the ore. This is the culmination of growing worse since the first of the year, and which demonstrate one of the vexations to which Rossland mines are exposed in common with other properties in the Kootenays. Practically the same thing applies to the War Eagle, although the stopes there are not so full as at the Centre Star, and in consequence it is possible to continue breaking ore.

Last night the Centre Star closed down. Carl Davis, general superintendent, states that the sole cause of this is the fact that the mine has not had sufficient cars from the Canadian Pacific to ship the ore practically in the same proportion to the War Eagle, although the stopes there are not so full as at the Centre Star, and in consequence it is possible to continue breaking ore. Last night the Centre Star closed down. Carl Davis, general superintendent, states that the sole cause of this is the fact that the mine has not had sufficient cars from the Canadian Pacific to ship the ore practically in the same proportion to the War Eagle, although the stopes there are not so full as at the Centre Star, and in consequence it is possible to continue breaking ore.

The trouble is said to lie with the power on the Canadian Pacific. The locomotives running on the Rossland branch are of a powerful type, but they have been practically in continuous service for two years past, and almost without exception require a complete overhauling. The operating department finds it impossible to send the engines to the repair shops because the power is absolutely needed to keep traffic open, and the result is that the engines are overworked, and cannot handle the business offering with reasonable promptness. The condition was developed over a year ago, but it has been growing worse steadily for reasons obvious.

The Centre Star company expects that by Monday the car supply will be remedied, and that they will be able to hoist all the broken ore and resume operations as usual. Some 200 men are affected by the unfortunate situation.

CRIMES ACT RELAXED.

Some Provisions No Longer in Force in Various Districts. DUBLIN, Feb. 2.—The Official Gazette announces today that the proclamation issued last year, placing thirteen districts in Ireland under the Crimes act and maintaining summary jurisdiction by the magistrates, is revoked.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—The relaxation of the Crimes act in Ireland still leaves sections of the act in force providing for the employment of special juries and a change of venue whilst in Sligo, Tipperary and Clare counties no relaxation has been made, and the magistrates still have the power of summary jurisdiction. The government has ordered the release of Nationalist Member of Parliament Reddy from Tullamore Jail. Mr. Reddy's sentence would not expire until next March. It is understood that the Irish members William Redmond and John Roche will also shortly be released.

A BIG PLACER MAN WANTS THE UNION MEN

JOHN B. HOBSON, MANAGER OF CARIBOO'S BIGGEST MINE, EXPECTED.

WILL TALK ON NEW PROVINCIAL MINING ASSOCIATION.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Rossland is to have an interesting visitor in the course of the next fortnight, when John B. Hobson, general manager of the Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic company, will visit the Golden City for the purpose of advocating the interests of the recently organized Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia. Mr. Hobson is a member of the executive of the new association and is enthusiastic in his promotion as the result of his experience with a similar movement in California.

The manager of the Cariboo Consolidated is a firm believer in the future of the district where he is operating. He says British Columbia is a far greater and richer country than California and that this conviction has induced him to dispose of his California interests and locate permanently in this province.

Touching upon mining associations and their usefulness, Mr. Hobson gives a brief history of the formation of the mining association of California, which has proved such a great success. It was organized at a small meeting at Auburn, and in a few months at the first annual convention, held at San Francisco, over a thousand delegates were present. The scope and importance of that association was now so well recognized that it was consulted in all matters of mining legislation and it had succeeded in securing such legislation and assistance from the federal and state governments as to place the mining industry on a permanent, legitimate and profitable basis. Another and most important effect of the work of the association has been to adjust the disputes between capital and labor, and this so successfully that troubles were unknown in California mining camps.

The time, he thought, had now arrived when an association, formed on similar lines, in this province should unite in an effort to improve the condition of the mineral industry. This could only be done by the united efforts of all those directly or indirectly interested in the mining industry. He pointed out that district organization would be necessary in order to make the movement general and powerful when permanent organization was effected. The business was too important to be dealt with by a handful of men, and he advised the committee to formulate some definite plan of district organization—the employment of organizers, if necessary—so that every division of the province should have fair representation in the proposed association. It is probable that actual organization work in connection with the Rossland branch of the provincial organization will be delayed until Mr. Hobson's arrival here.

MINES RESUME.

War Eagle and Centre Star Opened Up in Full Force Yesterday.

The Centre Star mine resumed operations yesterday morning with a full crew, and the men laid off at the War Eagle were taken on again. The two mines are now running at full capacity.

The coal and car shortage which led to the three-day, close-down have been overcome, and no more difficulty is expected on this score in the immediate future. The Canadian Pacific is taking special pains to keep the mines thoroughly supplied with both essentials, and as the conditions arising in connection with the snow blockade have been amended on this division at least, the situation is down to its ordinary proportions. The strong force of men employed on the Rossland hill has cleared the track in good shape, with the assistance of the rotary snowplow, and further heavy snowfall is the only thing to be apprehended.

The large tonnage broken down at the Centre Star and in somewhat less degree at the War Eagle is a guarantee that the tonnage for the month will be larger than for several months past, always provided the companies can secure the cars to move the product and the fuel to keep their plants in steady operation. The Canadian Pacific people say that both will be forthcoming, and the two mines may therefore be expected to pile up big aggregate shipments before March 1.

A MOTHERS DELIGHT.

Is to See Her Little Ones Healthy, Rosy and Happy.

All mothers delight in seeing their little ones bright, rosy and happy, but unfortunately all mothers do not use the best methods to gain this result. When baby is cross and fretful they give him "soothing stuffs," believing they are aiding him—but the result is just the opposite, as these soothing stuffs are poisonous and dangerous. Baby's Own Tablets should always be used and they will be found a prompt relief and speedy cure for all the minor ailments from which little ones suffer. All experienced mothers use these tablets and all mothers who use them praise them. Mrs. S. M. Black, St. Peter's N. S., says: "I have used Baby's Own Tablets for most of the ailments from which little ones suffer and I find them the best medicine I ever tried. No mother should be without them in the house."

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WANTS THE UNION MEN

Board of Trade Invites Unions to Send Members.

Subject Outlined at Council Meeting Held Yesterday.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The Rossland board of trade will invite the Miners' Union and the Typographical Union to appoint a delegation of members to the board. This decision was arrived at by a largely attended meeting of the council of the board held last night, and will be communicated at once to the respective unions through the official channels.

At the invitation of the council, Mr. Race of The Miner, explained in detail the situation in regard to increased representation of all classes, especially the unions and wage earners generally. It was pointed out that the officials of the various unions had expressed an earnest desire to do all in their power to assist the board in its efforts to promote the greatest possible prosperity of Rossland and the neighboring district, and that they were ready and willing to send duly accredited representatives to the board with that end in view. The opinion was ventured that considerable additional good might be accomplished if this was done. It was not enough that only ordinary commercial, mining and smelting interests should be fostered and conserved, but that the time might come at any moment when the lot of the wage earners could be materially improved by the assistance and co-operation of the board of trade. What the unions wanted, however, was something tangible to go on—a direct invitation of representation. The Miners' Union had, through its secretary, proposed one delegate for every hundred members, but that not need be accepted as a positive stand in the matter. The greater representation, the greater influence of not only that particular element but of the board of trade as a whole. There was, however, the matter of expense and amount of membership fee to be considered in this new departure. But that was a matter for the board itself to adjust, although it was hoped that matters would be arranged in this respect so as to not be too heavy a burden, the idea being to popularize the board of trade by a system of subscription that would stimulate membership.

All the members of the council present heartily approved of the idea advanced. It was pointed out by the president that the board of trade had taken up the question with the trades and labor council some time ago, but that, for some unknown reason nothing had come of it. He hoped, however, that this time the efforts of all concerned would end in good results. His sentiments were endorsed by all the other members of the council.

The secretary was then authorized to communicate with the several unions, and state that the board of trade would gladly welcome the delegates that the unions might see fit to send. The suggestion was made that the Miners' Union appoint from five to ten members and that the Typographical Union send one or two.

A committee, consisting of Charles O. Lalonde, James Anderson and Robert Hunter, was appointed to conduct a campaign for new members.

The matter of indifferent car accommodation on the passenger trains between Rossland and Robson was brought up, and will probably be made the subject of a resolution at the general board meeting tomorrow night.

The president introduced the subject of the new Mining Association of British Columbia, remarking that John B. Hobson, general manager of the Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Co., was expected to visit Rossland shortly, and that in his opinion the board should arrange to meet Mr. Hobson and interest itself in the promotion of the association idea.

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INTERESTING IDEA ADVANCED IN CONNECTION WITH GREEN MOUNTAIN.

DIAMOND DRILLING SHOWS ORIGIN AL AROUND WORKINGS IN MINE.

Exploration work with the diamond drill is under way at the Green Mountain mine, and, pending the completion of this feature of the program laid out by the company, no other work is being done.

The statement is made on excellent authority that the drilling has given eminently satisfactory results, that ore has been found in every direction, and that the net result is to confirm the opinion already held that the Green Mountain contains large ore bodies, although the net values are slightly under the standard necessary to pay all costs of mining, treatment and development with a margin for profits under existing circumstances. With the problem of concentrating Rossland ore practically solved, wide the announcements of Edmund E. Kirby, general manager of the War Eagle and Centre Star mines, and the example set by the Le Roi No. 2 company, the existence of big bodies of gold ore suitable to milling, establishes the Green Mountain among the most important and promising propositions of the camp.

Manager Lawry is now in New York in consultation with the principals of the Consolidated Green Mountain-St. Louis company, and it is expected that upon his return important developments will take shape in connection with the plan of operating and equipment of the mine.

The statement is made, and the situation is to a certain extent public knowledge, that the Green Mountain people have had much more than the average amount of worry with water in the workings, and that the pumps hitherto installed have failed to keep the workings free of water, particularly as depth was attained in the main shaft and the 400 foot drifts opened up on the vein. The solution to the question thus arising is said to be the construction of a drainage tunnel, and it is understood that this work is one of the points on which the manager will consult his principals while in the east.

If it develops that the present unusually large influx of water in the workings is occasioned by the existence of a permanent supply of water in the hill above the mine, the overflow as drained through a tunnel constructed for this purpose could be used for milling purposes, thus relieving the Green Mountain company from any anxiety on a point that is a vexed question with other companies.

IT WILL PAY ALL THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN MINING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE ROSSLAND MINER. IT GIVES ALL THE NEWS ALL THE TIME.

NOTICE.

That, whereas consent in writing representing two-thirds of the capital stock of the Primrose Gold Mining Company, Ltd. Liab., has been obtained (as required by Sec. 41, Act of 1890). Notice is hereby given that thirty days from the date of the first publication of this notice the Primrose Gold Mining Company, Ltd. Liab., will remove its head office from Rossland, B. C., to Trout Lake, B. C.

J. M. MILLER, Secretary.
Dated at Rossland, B. C., January 8th, 1903.

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Sir Wilfred Laurier

the Candidate

(Special to The Daily News)

VICTORIA, Jan. 4.—Laurier told Messrs. today that as long as he insisted on connecting the imperial authorities reasons insist on its home in Clinton. Gov. ers state that it is that he will run in W. The sealing schooner ran ashore near Esquimalt morning during a heavy which raged here. It left port the day before. She is now at the beach.

The steamer Queen of the North, which was wrecked on the coast of British Columbia, has been raised. The vessel was damaged but not destroyed. The crew was rescued and the cargo salvaged.

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CANADIAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS. A Defeat in Paris at London.

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LONDON, Feb. 2.—Queen Alexandra was on a visit to the Devonshire at Chatsworth, but their departure by the last train that the King's planting trees at Windsor castle then to be in excess.