

CALIFORNIA.

osrs. A. L. White & Co., the well known dealers in Mining investments of this city, received a telegram from Mr. Williams, the manager of the California Mine yesterday as follows:—

"California plant in successful operation today."

This piece of good news makes another stage in the progress of the California Gold Mining Co., and now on development work will be pushed with the utmost vigor.

THE BAD MINE.

The Bad Mine has proved so good that it is to be rechristened under the name of the Champion. Arrangements have been made to vigorously push the development and plenty of funds have been secured for that object. Mr. C. Brent will have charge of the work. Within 12 months a 20 stamp mill will be dropping on this property, giving us another rich bullion producer. It may be of interest to our readers to know that this property has produced over \$9,000 out of less than 10 feet of development, and gives promise of being a record breaker.—Rat Portage Miner.

BULLION NO. 2.

Very satisfactory reports have been received from this property during the week. The vein has enlarged and the values are said to be greater than at any former period. Work is being rapidly pushed under the superintendency of Mr. Brent, who is also looking after the operations of the Bad Mine, or as it is now known, the Champion.—Rat Portage Miner.

THE SULTANA.

Manager Strong, of the Sultana Mine, was in town this week and appears to be jubilant over the amount of amalgam piling up on the plates since the stamps have again begun to drop. There is an enormous amount of development work being done on the old reliable, and we think that ere long the returns of bullion will open the eyes of even the friends of the Sultana.—Rat Portage Miner.

DUNCAN MINES CLOSE DOWN.

About 100 men, who were employed at the Granite, Royal Canadian and Poorman Mines have quit work and the mines are closed down, says the Nelson Miner. The men came out by order of the union, owing to the fact that the mine owners refused to comply with their demand for higher wages.

Several days ago a deputation of 25 men came in to see Captain Duncan, and made a proposition to the owners to pay an increase wage. They demanded \$3 a day for muckers and laborers with a reduction of \$1 from the amount they were charged per week for board. They were receiving \$2.50 a day and paying \$3.50 per week for board.

Wednesday morning Captain Duncan visited the mines and informed the men that their demand would not be granted. Whereupon under the ruling of the union, they refused to work any longer, and the mines closed down. Captain Duncan has cabled a full account of the proceedings to the London office and is awaiting instruction from there.

IN THE SLOCAN.

With the cessation of the labor troubles in the Slocan country reports are pouring in daily as to the rapid manner in which the mines are now being operated. And this is not only the case in the Slocan.

Similar reports are being received from other parts of the Kootenays which tend to show that the present year will put up the record a notch in the amount of development work done in the number of mines joining the list of shippers. Appended will be found some notes of mining interests from a few of the chief camps.

G. T. R. EARNINGS.

Week ending March 21st, 1900.....\$428,848
Week ending March 21st, 1899..... 878,818

Increase.....\$ 88,035

THE MONTREAL GAS COMPANY.

BALANCE SHEET FROM 28th FEBRUARY 1899, TO 28th FEBRUARY, 1900.

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock	\$2,998,640 00
Bonds	800,074 21
Interest on Bonds (Unclaimed)	77 76
Dividends Unclaimed	18,649 61
Dividend Payable 17th April	149,812 00
Accounts Payable	84,891 24
Consumers' Deposits	16,830 00
Contingent and Insurance Account	10,000 00
Balance Profit and Loss Account	322,910 29
Total	\$4,476,705 00

ASSETS.

Gas Works, Mains and Lands occupied by Works	\$3,997,941 08
Coal on hand	39,413 77
Oil on hand	2,117 04
Coke, Tar and Ammoniacal Liquor on hand	8,804 85
Iron Pipe, Tubing, etc., on hand	11,776 24
Motors in use and on hand	218,719 26
Retort Account, Pumps, etc., on hand	28,068 83
Tools in use and on hand	2,440 00
Lamp Account	28,419 86
Oxide of Iron on hand	1,000 00
Gas Stoves, etc	21,476 10
Accounts receivable	100,519 98
Horses, Vehicles, etc	5,000 00
Methylated Spirits	310 00
Cash on hand and in Bank	12,976 35
Total	\$4,476,705 00

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