

Mining Throughout British Columbia

Receipts at Trail—Cork Province Report — Minister of Mines trip to North—Granby increases pay of labor—Mining Notes.

The following is a list of the ore received at the TRAIL SMELTER, during the week ending July 31st, 1919:—

Mine Location	Gross Tons
Bluebell, Rondel	145
Consolidated Mines Co., Clines.....	110
Centre Star, Rossland	3058
Enterprise, Silverton	10
Galena Farm, Silverton	44
Horn Silver, Similkameen	55
Iron Mask, Kamloops	35
Josie, Rossland	277
Lone Pine, Republic	222
Mandy, Le Pas	455
Molly Gibson, Kitto Landing	85
North Star, Kimberley	315
Paradise, Athalmer	128
Providence, Greenwood	45
Reardon, Clines, Wn.	36
San Poil, Republic	607
Spokane Trinket, Ainsworth	36
Silversmith, Sandon	85
Sullivan (Zinc), Kimberley	3497
Sullivan (Lead), Kimberley	223
St. Eugene Leasing Co., Moyie	33
White Water, Retallack	28

TOTAL..... 9529

The Annual Meeting of the Cork-Province Mine was held at Kaslo, July 21st. The directors report as follows:

We are submitting to you herewith Financial Statement and Manager's Report for the year ending 30th June, 1919.

Following the installation of our Flotation Plant, it was necessary to conduct experiments for four months before a satisfactory Zinc Concentrate was produced. This was accomplished by our own crew, after a Flotation Expert had tried without success to get results.

Soon after our milling practice was established shortage of water again closed the concentrator for the winter months.

Operations were re-commenced in May last, when a contract was let for one hundred feet of drifting on the main level. The contract was completed without cutting the lime band we are driving for. The vein looks very favorable for an ore body, and contains chunks of silver-lead ore ranging from the size of one's first to as large as one's head. We believe another hundred feet will put us into good ore at this point, with backs exceeding three hundred feet.

In a small shaft on the "Superior" vein, seventeen tons of ore assaying 120 ozs. silver, 60% lead, were shipped in the early days. A crosscut tunnel 600 feet long, with a drift on the vein of 200 feet, to cut the ore at a depth of 200 feet, was undertaken, but funds were exhausted with 200 feet of drifting still necessary, to get under the ore. We propose driving this drift, and, if successful, an extension of our main crosscut tunnel a distance of 400 feet, will cut at a further depth of 800 feet, or, in all, 1000 feet from surface. This work is very important, as the silver values are three times those of the second vein.

With an expenditure of \$8,000, as follows:

100 feet of drifting on main level.....	\$1,500
200 feet of drifting on "Superior" vein.....	3,000
70 feet of winze on No. 4 ore shoot.....	3,500
we can complete work (75% of which has been accomplished) which has cost to date:	
Drifting on main level towards lime.....	\$10,500
Drifting and crosscut on "Superior" vein.....	11,250
40 feet of winze on No. 4 ore shoot.....	2,800
TOTAL.....	\$24,550

and can quickly place in sight a large tonnage of ore.

To get the best results from your property, we recommend increasing the capitalization to \$1,250,000, and consolidating the ten cent shares to one dollar. This will meet the wishes of a majority of the shareholders, and permit of more satisfactory developing and financing. Your directors have a tentative offer for four hundred thousand shares of the new issue, and if approved today, propose to complete the work outlined above and sink the main shaft to cut the four known ore bodies, having a length on the main level of 700 feet at depth. Each 150 feet of shaft should put in sight 50,000 tons of ore on these ore bodies.

In conclusion, while the property has need of more capital than originally thought necessary, to a great extent caused by the increased cost of everything going into construction since the original estimates were made, your property warrants a generous program of development, which should place it among the large silver-lead mines of this Northwestern country.

Increased activity in mining development with a growing population which is serving to solve the hitherto acute problem of labor, and marked evidence of growing interest in the mineral resources on the part of outside capital, was noted by Hon. William Sloan, Minister of Mines, who returned to his office following an extended trip through the Omineca and Skeena mining districts covering over three weeks. His visit to the Portland Canal district greatly impressed the Minister, who referred to the Premier, the Big Missouri, Joker and other properties, work on which is being actively prosecuted by their holders, with results which indicate that there are now being developed in the Salmon River and Bear River sections which promise remarkable results. There has been a marked revival in interest in the Portland Canal section, and many people have gone in there in the expectation that the forthcoming years will see a great mining development. This development means that the department over which Hon. Mr. Sloan presides must be prepared to give greater attention to the needs of that section. Roads and trails must in time be opened if the territory is to be adequately developed, and undoubtedly, under the policy followed by the Government in giving assistance in such work, the future will see a substantial programme inaugurated there.

Already the Provincial Government is constructing a road through a difficult section from Stewart, at the head of Portland Canal, to the village of Hyder, on the international boundary. This stretch, but one mile in length, will cost \$30,000. From that latter point the holders of the famous Premier Mine, on Cascade Creek, are building a road for a distance of eleven miles which crosses United States territory. This road will permit of transportation facilities from Stewart to the Cascade River section, and will open up a great opportunity to British Columbia merchants, for whom, as time goes on and development increases, there will be great opportunity for business, provided that they take advantage of it and do not allow their American competitors to snatch the business away from them.

Hon. Mr. Sloan made a personal visit to the Premier Mine and to the Big Missouri at the head of Salmon River. The latter property, in which Sir Donald Mann is largely interested is being actively worked, and when he was in the north it was reported that a contract had been let to the Boyle Bros. for extensive diamond drilling work to prove up the holdings. On the Cascade Creek, about forty-nine miles north of the Premier Mine, are valuable properties, in which Mr. S. Silverman and associates are interested, and on which they contemplate early and extensive development work. When the Minister was in that section he paid special attention to the Salmon River and Bear River properties.