THE OUTSIDE CAMPS

Whitewater Group Sold to the L. & B. C. Gold Fields.

THE FLYING DUTCHMAN

It Has Been Bonded For $45,000—A Two-Foot Ledge Has Been Enconntered on the Golden Wedge—Ore Being Rawhided From Mines.

AINSWORTH DISTRICT.

The Stevenson concentrator at Woodbury creek is shut down temporarily.

The Tariff mine has doubled its working force during the last two weeks, and is now turning out large quantities of ore under the new management of A. D. Wheeler.

The Black Diamond has largely increased its working force.

The Albion is reported as looking well, there being about 20 inches of good clean ore and about four feet of concentrating ore. They will soon begin to ship ore to the concentrator. About eight men are employed on this property, with D. W. Clark as foreman.

No. 1 mine is looking better than it has for years, and still continues to ship large quantities besides what is stored at the mine.

The British Columbia News estimates that more than 1,000 miners are employed in the Slocan district.

Negotiations for the sale of the Whitewater mine to the London & British Columbia Goldfields, limited, have been completed. The mine is now in a condition to ship 200 tons of ore weekly.

The Stranger, at the head of Jackson basin, entered the list of shippers last week, sending down one car of ore.

The Montezuma concentrator, on the South Fork of Kaslo creek, is now operating steadily.

The Gilson, at the headquarters of Kaslo creek, has commenced rawhiding. Its first shipment will be 75 tons of high grade ore.

At a meeting of the Duncan-Lardo Improvement association recently held at Kaslo Secretary Rolph was instructed to write Dominion Engineer Roy concerning the best mode of expenditure of the $3,000 on hand and to request an early visit of inspection; to answer the letter of Acting Gold Commissioner Goepel, stating that 18 miles of road could be built at $1,000 per mile, and to furnish the same data to the representative, J. Fred Hume of Nelson; and to furnish requested information concerning the association's work to Government Agent Keen to embody in his forthcoming report.

BOUNDARY DISTRICT.

R. W. Macfarlane, M. E., acting for G. D. McKay, have secured a two months' option on all of C. N. Collins' properties in Long Lake camp. The claims include the O. O. D., W. J. Bryan, O. K. Fraction and Maude S. It will be remembered that Mr. McKay secured a bond on the Ruby some months ago.

The Joe Dandy mine, owned by the B. C. Development company, has let a contract to Fraser & Chalmers of Chicago for a big mill. Other properties in Fairview are being actively developed.

Mayor Wood of Greenwood has acquired W. W. Gibbs' interest in the Snowshoe and the Rawhide and is negotiating for the purchase of Mr. Gibbs' other properties. The Snowshoe, in which Mr. Gibbs had a third interest, is under bond to Patsey Clark for $45,000. The Rawhide has also been bonded. The majority of Mr. Gibbs' remaining interests are up the Kettle river.

The Skylark has closed down for the winter.

Some good ore is being met with in the Diamond Hitch.

EAST KOOTENAY.

The Flying Dutchman on McMurdo creek, in the Spillimacheen basin, has now a considerable quantity of shipping ore in sight. The claim adjoining it has been bonded to an English syndicate for $45,000. The development on the Lincoln group, on Beaver creek, in Donald mining division, belonging to Mr. Henderson and Mr. Knoof, is well advanced.

Thomas McNaught, president of the Golden & Fort Steele Development company, has gone to England. He is taking with him 1,200 pounds of ore from the Mercier group of claims, one of the company's properties at the head of Bugaboo creek, in the Windermere mining division, in order to have a complete milling test of the ores of these promising claims made. The assays hitherto obtained have gone as high as 175 ozs. of silver to the ton.

The coal mines on Coal creek are being opened in anticipation of the early completion of the Crow's Nest Pass railway. The Crow's Nest Coal company has opened two tunnels at the mine. In No. 1 tunnel, on the north side of the creek, is a 7-foot seam of semi-anthracite, and in every respect a first-class coking coal. On the south side of the stream is the second tunnel. This penetrates a 30-foot seam. The quality of this deposit is bituminous, and it is a splendid blacksmith's coal. It is being used extensively already in the forges of the contractors who are building the railway. The coal lies nearly horizontal, and the mouths of the tunnels are about 35 feet above the grade for the railway track when it is constructed. This will give a favorable elevation for screening and result in a considerable economy in the mining of the coal. The branch line from the main road to the mine will be four miles in length, and will be completed by July next. By that time the company will be in readiness to ship any quantity of coal and will have 10,000 tons on the dump. The output of the mine, as soon as it is opened up, will be about 750 tons daily. Arrangements are being made for the erection of coking ovens.

SLOCAN DISTRICT.

Rawhiding began last week at the Cameronian mine, and a car will be shipped to Nelson without delay. Thirty-five feet from the mouth of the tunnel they are putting in a crosscut to strike the footwall and learn the full width of their lead. They are confident that in a lower tunnel they will strike even a richer ore than they find in their present operations.

A strike of a two-foot ledge is reported in the Golden Wedge claim. A sample of the ore from this ledge has been sent to the Nelson smelter for the purposes of a test.

The London Hill Mining & Development company has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, T. C. Proctor; vice-president, Hamilton Byers; secretary treasurer, C. W. McAnn; manager, C. Van Moerkerke; directors, O. T. Stone and H. Selous.

The Crusader group on Springer creek has a carload of ore ready for shipment.

Allan's pack train last week commenced rawhiding a carload of ore from the Two Friends. This will be the first ore shipped from the ledge recently struck. The Two Friends was thrown up by a Vancouver company recently as being valueless.

Ben Kneebone has leased the Fidelity. He will sink a double compartment shaft 60 feet and then drift for 200 into the big bluff close to his property. He will do no stoping, and for his pay receives the ore taken out in doing the above work. The Fidelity ships 20 tons to the Kaslo sampler this week.

The British Columbia Ore Sampling company are calling for tenders to clear a site for their sampler at Rosebery.

NELSON DISTRICT.

The Bonanza King on Forty-Nine creek continues to improve with development, and it is the intention of the owner to erect a mill next spring.

The Dundee shaft is down 230 feet. The shipments now figure at 40 tons.

The Nebraska Girl is expected to enter the list of shippers next month.

One hundred feet of work is to be done this winter on the Waffer group, on the North Fork of the Salmon. Six months supplies have been sent in by the Lucky Boy company, who own the property. The claims are quite near the famous Second Relief and Big Bump properties.

The shaft on the Jubilee is now down 30 feet. There are two ledges on the property, one 24 feet wide and the other 10 feet. The shaft has been sunk at the point where the two ledges meet. It is reported that the returns from a sample sent to the Nelson smelter gave the phenomenally high figure of $3,969 in gold and 20 ounces in silver. These figures are certainly records.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Crackerjack.

TORONTO.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: Please inform me what work is being done on the Crackerjack, and oblige,

INTERESTED.

[The company is out of funds and is not working the property at present.—ED.]

The Big Three.

TORONTO, Dec. 27.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: Can you give me any information or news concerning the Big Three Mining company. I have been looking through your valuable weekly paper for some time and have seen nothing concerning this company.

Yours respectfully,
A. H. TOWNS.

[The Big Three has suspended operations for lack of funds, but the manager, O. G. Laberee, is now in the east on a mission connected with negotiations whereby work will be resumed.—ED.]

The Athabasca Group.

QUEBEC, Que., Dec. 27.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: As a constant subscriber to your weekly, I have noticed that you have always kindly furnished information to interested stockholders, asking for same, of the different mining companies of your province. As a holder of a good number of shares in the British Canadian Goldfields Exploration & Development company, whose president is Hon. G. E. Foster, ex-minister of finance, I would like to get some particulars of the doings and prospects of the company, as I have had no news from the company for the last five months. Thanking you in advance,

Yours truly, A SUBSCRIBER.

[The British Canadian Goldfields Exploration, Development & Investment company is not operating in this district. It is, however, working the Athabasca group on Morning mountain, and the Howard Fraction on Springer creek, near the foot of Slocan lake. Several shipments have been made from the Athabasca group, and it is in a very promising condition. The Howard Fraction group is a producer of high grade silver ore, which is also showing up well. The company is in good financial shape, and is managed in a conservative and businesslike way.—ED].

The Big Six.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: Please inform me through the WEEKLY MINER what the Big Six company is doing and where its claims are located; also re the Yukon expedition which it advertised last year to send out. Yours truly,

A. NOXON, M.D.,
344 Bathurst street, Toronto.

[The Big Six company is out of funds and has been for some time, consequently development work on the property has been stopped. The company holds eight claims, principally on Big Sheep and Murphy creeks. The Yukon expedition never materialized as the company was not provided with sufficient capital to equip it.—ED.]

Protect the Investor.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: It was with the most unalloyed pleasure that I read your article in this morning's paper under the caption of "Protection to English Investors." I admire it for the great courage that must have been needed to publish it when the writer must have been certain that it would draw down on his head the disapprobation of every dishonest promoter and mine seller in the community. The purpose for which the article was written is as plain as the sun to me. It was to prevent, if possible, the ruining, so far as Rossland is concerned, the market on which the mines of this section must mainly rely on for their future development, and it was in the very best interests of the community at large. Why, if the methods that have so far governed the sale of mines to some of these syndicates is allowed to go on it would amount to simply a great swindle in which a few would be benefited and the prospects of the camp, which are now so fair, would be irreparably injured. The buyers of these mines ought to know that one good property is worth much more than 1,000 poor ones. It seems to me, too, that where there are so many really excellent properties that with such large sums at their command the purchasers could have secured at least one that might in time be made a dividend payer. I was more than pleased to see the way in which these people who have been selling wildcate were scored and the courageous manner in which you have stood up for the good of the camp. In my opinion it is one of the best moves that has yet been made by THE MINER. It is by just such actions that papers of worth are built up. Keep up the good work, and you will have behind you the sentiment of all the better element of the community. I and many others do not desire to see the English investor swindled in this camp, or anywhere else for that matter. We, however, can not afford to stand idly by and see such trickery going on, without filing an emphatic protest against it.

I am of the opinion that the Rossland camp is the best one on the continent and feel certain that we are going to have one of the largest mining towns in the world here. We have good mines already and these are certain to be added to numerously. Therefore, I am strongly opposed to anything that would in any way mar our future, and I think that taking advantage of the British investor by selling him worthless properties would do more harm than anything else that could be done. Yours for Trail Creek division,

FINANCE.

Ore Going Out of the Country.

TRAIL, New Year's Eve, 1897.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: Two late issues of your paper have contained editorials commiserating Trail. Why not include Rossland? She needs it also. What is the cause? I believe that the main cause is the building of the Le Roi smelter at Northport. When that was assured, lot sales almost entirely ceased in Trail and Rossland, all business slackened and many of our enterprising people went to the new smelter town.

I believe the statement can not be reiterated too often that the moment our ores cross the international boundary they immediately cease to be of benefit to Canada or to the local towns that should have all of the benefits accruing.

Every ton of ore reduced requires the services of one man, that is to say, a smelter reducing 500 tons of ore per day will employ directly and indirectly 500 men—double the number required to mine the same amount. Why should this payroll be lost to us when we have the remedy handy? We owe nothing to the state of Washington. The United States bars out our people from both mining and real estate operations, while we give her citizens every right and perfect protection. Some of her citizens have invested here—good luck to them—but they did not come as philantropists.

Some will say that this is Trail's fight and not Rossland's, but it is a fact that the two towns are in perfect business sympathy—at least they are prosperous or depressed together.

The camp is now entering upon a course of prosperity. Strong companies are buying properties with intent to perform extensive development, and many of the doubtful claims of a year ago are bonanzas. This is good, but why not do our own reducing and double the payroll of the camp?

There can be no loss to mine owners, for, although the present freight charges between Rossland and Trail might be reduced somewhat, smelting charges are fairly reasonable. With coke and coal from the Crow's Nest pass and ore enough to keep all the smelter furnaces hot a reduction can and will be made.

Therefore, as a sure and certain remedy I am emphatically for an export duty on Kootenay ores, for I believe that it will conduce to the benefit of all interested in the country.

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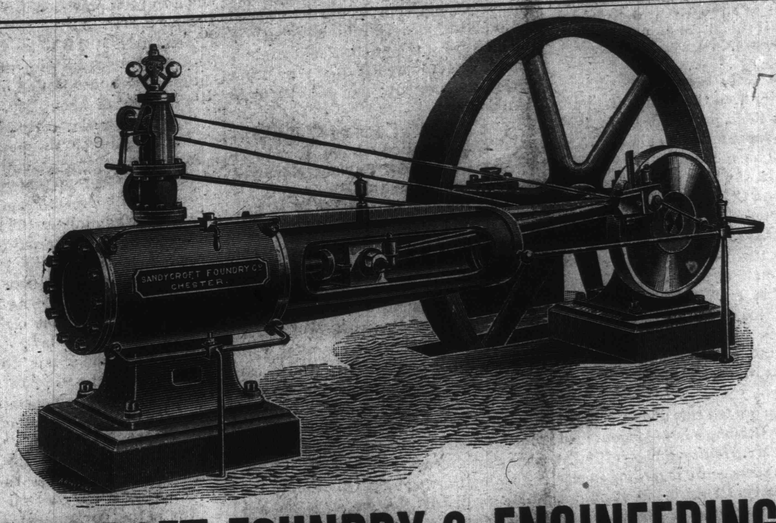

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A RISING MARKET

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An Advance Has Been Experienced in Great Western, Josie, Good Hope, Poorman and Other Shares—The Outlook Never Was Better.

The stock business keeps up its volume fairly well when it is considered that the holiday season is just over, and usually a dull period follows after the annual season of festivities. The brokers feel very hopeful over the outlook. The wildcats have all been driven out of the market and the field is, therefore, clear for the standard stocks. The market continues to be a rising one. Take Great Western, for example. It was selling a few weeks since for from 6 to 7½ cents per share. Now it is marketed at from 9 to 9½ cents per share. This rise is doubtless due to the fact that it has been sold to the British American Corporation, which is amply able to develop it. It is expected, in view of this, that there will be a still further advance in the shares of this company. The Josie, which a few weeks ago was selling at from 25 to 28 cents per share is now selling at 30 cents and is scarce at that. This is not high when it is considered that the control of the mine was acquired at the recent purchase on the basis of 44 cents per share. The fact of the matter is that a portion of the money that was paid for the control was used in the payment of certain indebtedness that has been piled up in the development work, and so the stockholders did not get all of the 44 cents. Good Hope is another stock that has advanced. It will be remembered that one half of the capital stock of this company, amounting to 500,000 shares, was purchased by an English syndicate for 3½ cents per share. There was a proviso in the agreement to the effect that the purchasers of this very large block of shares should be allowed to have charge of the development work. A contract for deepening the west shaft on the Good Hope has been let, and it is evident that the work is to be actively kept up and the property properly developed. The shares of the company, which were selling a short time since for one cent are now selling for 3½ cents. Poorman, which was selling a short time since at from 5 to 6 cents has now advanced to 12½ cents. From these few examples it will be seen that the market is a rising one, and that is always the best kind of a one to trade in, as it offers a chance for profit. Monte Cristo is very firm at the quoted price and is one of the favorites among the buyers. Colonna and Virginia are also firmly quoted.

NEWS OF THE COAST.

The Wrecked Cleveland Is Afloat Again—Notes From the North.

VICTORIA, Jan. 4.—The steamer Cleveland, stranded on the west coast a few weeks ago, arrived in Royal Roads yesterday, and will proceed to Quartermaster harbor for repairs, the marine ways at Esquimalt being occupied by the steamship Danube, which is being put in order for Klondike service.

Colonel Weaverly, the South African mining man, who has been prospecting for quartz in Omineca during the past season, states in an interview here that he has located what he believes to be the mother lode, from which the streams of Omineca derive their gold. He tells of eight immense veins of quartz cropping out side by side 1,300 feet up a hillside. His find, he says, is located 50 miles east of Parsnip river.

Secretary Elsworth of the board of trade has received a telegram from Hon. Clifford Sifton, minister of the interior, stating as follows: "Have just returned from Washington, where I completed arrangements ensuring passage of Canadian goods by way of Dyea and Skagway sub-ports, without charge for the inspection referred to in your telegram and correspondence."

In view of this authoritative statement the Stickeen-Teslin route will attract greater attention than ever. Word has been received from persons who are on the trail between the Stickeen riven and Teslin lake. One of them pronounces the journey a picnic. The other says it is remarkably easy and that he is experiencing the most delightiul winter weather he ever encountered. Hon. Edgar Dewdney, who went to Wrangel at the mouth of the Stickeen a week ago in the interest of the Klondike Mining, Trading & Transport company of London and Victoria, will return soon, after which the advance expedition of the corporation is expected to start immediately for Teslin lake. It will consist of 22 horse sleds loaded with provender, provisions and material for the erection of shelters along the route in preparation for the larger expeditions that will set out carrying miners and their outfits to Teslin lake, from which point they will be taken in the company's boats down to Dawson City and intermediate points. The corporation will probably leave 100 two-horse teams on the route and shelters at every 15 miles.

FROM THE RECORDS.

Transfers.

DECEMBER 27.

Iron Duke, Henry L Lilienthal to M J Burns.

Copper Cup five-sixths, G F Whiteman to R H Hamill.

Tyler Hill five-sixths, A G Smith to R H Hamill.

DECEMBER 28.

Midnight Fraction ½, David Halady to James Williams.

Wardner Fraction ½, J J Henager and Alex Wilson, to P A Silverstone.

Wardner Fraction ¼, Midnight Fraction ½, J S Williams to P A Silverstone.

Corinna, I, P Davis and M J Mulheron to P A Silverstone.

Corinna ¼, Sunday two-ninths, Reliance five-thirty-sixths, Success five-thirty-sixths, Zebra one-sixth, Monk ¼, Wardner three-sixteenths, Midnight Fraction four-eighteenths, P A Silverstone to L Levy.

British Chief and Sunbeam ⅔, Thomas Black to Ralph White.

British Chief ⅓, Black Prince ⅓, Trail ¼, Sunbeam ⅙, and Copper King ⅓, Thomas Black to E. S. Topping.

Sunset No. 2 ½, and Alabama ½, Michael C Conway to Howard C Walters.

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St. Charles ½, Chas. Hayward to D McGee.

Sundown and Syndicate ½, D McGee to M Conway.

DECEMBER 29.

Gladiator, D W McLeod to A B Railton.

Butte Fraction, John A Finch to Virginia Gold Mining company.

Victor Fraction, Lionell H Webber to B C Bullion Extracting company.

DECEMBER 30.

Helena No. 2, Chas J Johnson to Chas Freberg $2 500.

Black Hawk, Welcome Stranger, A B Railton to R Miller.

JANUARY 3.

Ramshorn, B C M & M Co to L L Rand.

JANUARY 3.

Black King ⅙, Hugo Schroeder to J J King, $25.

Gold Nugget 5-6, Reliance ⅙, Sunshine 5-6, Success ⅙, and Violet ⅙, Lewis Levy to Fred Landsberg.

Snow Shoe Fraction ¼, W K Moers to John Peterson.

Certificates of Work.

Dec. 28—New Year, Joan of Arc, Snow Shoe Fraction, Poppoff.

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Weekly Market.

The market has not yet recovered from the effects of the holiday season, still, standard stocks have been in demand at a slight advance. War Eagle, Great Western, Poorman, Josie and Monte Cristo have been most dealt in. We consider these stocks will see an advance in price shortly. The largest rise of the week has been the War Eagle. The reason for this is a good strike, which has put the price of stock up from 91 cents to 95 cents.

NAME.	Par value.	Price this Week.	Price last week
Butte	$1 00	$ 01½	$ 01½
Commander	1 00	18	18
Deer Park	1 00	11½	11½
Dardanelles	1 00	15	15
Dundee	1 00	75	75
Elise	1 00	3	3
Evening Star	1 00	8	8
Great Western	1 00	10	10
Iron Colt	1 00	15	15
Iron Mask	1 00	36	30
Josie	1 00	30	30
Keystone	1 00	20	20
Le Roi	5 00	8 00	8 00
Lily May	1 00	20	20
Monte Cristo	1 00	20½	20½
Poorman	1 00	10	10
Silver Bell	1 00	3	3
Tamarac	1 00	15	15
War Eagle	1 00	95	91

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