

CONCENTRATES.

Sir Adolphe Caron is transferring his attention from politics to mining and is stated to have floated the North Star Mining and Development Co., Limited, in a capital of \$1,000,000, to operate chiefly in B. C. A well known consulting engineer has been appointed in Professor Hardman of Montreal.

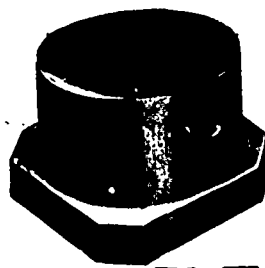
The Whitewater mine in the Slokan is now equipped with new buildings to accommodate 100 men, whilst a new ore house is also being constructed. Only shipments made in the course of development have been yet made by the owners. They will, however, employ 90 men before winter, and then when roads and trails are hard make very large ore shipments.

Two tons of free gold rock from Gaynor Creek have been shipped to the Kaslo sampler. It is stated the shipment will realise the extraordinary value of \$1,000 to the ton, figures which seem almost fabulous, though the ore is doubtless picked. Making all allowances, however, there is great excitement amongst the prospectors of the Lardeau and Trout Lake districts.

It is stated that the railroad from Trail to Penticton will be built next year by Mr. Helnze and his associates, aided by the Government subsidy of 20,000 acres per mile or 4,000,000 acres in all. What will greatly facilitate construction is the discovery of a new pass only 4,000 feet high. This is to be named after Mr. Helnze. The lowest pass previously discovered was at an elevation of 7,500 feet.

ON TEXADA ISLAND.

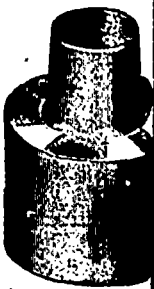
Here the Van Auds mine has several tons of ore averaging over \$30 ready for shipment, but Mr. T. H. Fraser, a mining engineer of much experience, declares that gangs of Chinese here employed—a thing in itself highly regrettable—are making greivous blunders of hacking wholly unskillfully the various ore bodies. A change in this respect is in Mr. Fraser's opinion urgently needed. The Raven is well equipped, but further sinking is highly desirable. On a number of other promising claims work has been done, but too usually in the wrong place. The Potosi and Francis, hard by the water's edge, show fine ores rich in copper-gold and promise well, whilst the Kirts Lake mines show deposits carrying free coarse gold. The Silver Tip mine is full of busy operators, and the Surprise is being quietly and well worked by a small body of miners. These mines have, however, been so recently noticed in the MINING CRITIC that at present further comment is here needless. It is, however, highly desirable to point Vancouver merchants to the trade opportunities of Texada, which the people of Victoria and Nanaimo are better using than the merchants of the



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DOING A LITTLE.

The Galena Mines, Limited, have twelve men working on the Currie and intend to continue operations through the winter. The undertaking has naturally to go slow for reasons well known.

TRAIL.

Apparently the Le Roi Company intends to utilize well the low grade ores, of which it has about 50,000 tons on the dump. A construction car has arrived and will be used to extend the Red Mountain road to the dump of the Le Roi, which is four hundred feet higher than the present track of the Red Mountain railway at the point where the high grade ore is received. The low grade ore is estimated to be worth \$12 per ton, and as there is about half a million dollars worth of it, the stockholders will obtain dividends from the dump.—Trail

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