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MINING NOTES.

Western men can hardly conceive the mistrust and disregard with which many careful business men in the east are inspired towards mines and mining stocks. Such an attitude merely springs from a narrow provincialism which cannot grasp investments or resources outside of its own confined ken. It is therefore pleasant to note that a gentleman having the reputation of being one of the most careful business men in Toronto has been in the camp during the past few weeks looking for investments on behalf of himself and several associates equally as conservative.

Mr. John N. Lee returns shortly to Toronto after making a considerable investment in mines and prospects in Trail Creek. He has secured the Sadie, Violet and Maggie, in the Crown Point district. These are most promising properties.

A new issue of the Colonna stock has been placed on the Eastern market at 15 cents. Messrs. A. W. Ross & Co. of Toronto are the sole agents.

Melfort Boulton of Toronto, who has been a successful broker in Trail Creek stocks has issued a writ against Reddin & Jackson for \$200 damages for breach of contract in failing to deliver 3,000 shares of Josie stock.

The Cliff wagon road to the upper showing is almost completed and shipments from the Cliff will probably begin shortly.

There has been an active demand lately for Silver Bell stock and it has hardened a point or two on the much improved appearance appearance of the property.

The Delacola shows two feet of ore in its shaft. Appearance and grade are very favorable.

The Red Mountain railway has now tapped the first developed mine on its route, the O. K. The new stamp mill on the O. K. is in running order and is reported to be working well.

The Evening Star continues to ship a small quantity of ore. The Cronan lead, in spite of reports to the contrary, has not yet been found on the lower level. A survey proved that the tunnel has yet to be driven some 20 feet before it will be struck. The stock reacted on heavy sales by S. S. Bailey, who needed the money for his Slocan interests.

The No. 2 shaft on the Colonna has now $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet of ore. Some of it assays as high as 24 per cent. copper.

During the last three or four days the force of men at work on the Morning Star has had a great deal of trouble with water which has come in very fast. They seem to have run on to an underground reservoir. It literally spouted out of the last drill hole. It will probably exhaust its flow pretty soon.

Some very fine ore has been struck on the Southern Belle, one of the Big Three properties. It carries a high copper percentage. The Big Three company should come out winner with the Mascot and Southern Belle to rely on.

It is surely a sign of centralization when the offices of the most prominent mining operators and brokers, who erstwhile made Spokane their headquarters, are being opened up in Rossland.

The Smith-Hewitt company, which is associated with some of the most progressive of the easterners in the camp, has opened offices in the Scott Block, Columbia avenue. The treasury shares of the Alf Gold Mining company will be handled by this firm.

The Robert J., at the North Fork of the Salmon has been bonded, it is said, for \$75,000.

In the bottom of the Butte shaft, now fifty feet down, there is a fine showing.

A new shaft has been begun on the Phoenix.

Homestake machinery will be in operation within a week, and this good property should soon develop into a mine.

Work has been resumed on the Young America.

A thoroughly conservative business man is ex-Mavor Robert Scott, of Galt, Ont., yet so confident is he of the success of Rossland and the mines of Trail Creek that he has invested largely in real estate in the town and in mining properties.

Before the end of this week it is hoped that the Red Mountain railway will be receiving and discharging freight at a temporary station near the O. K.

There is now in Rossland a representative of the French government, sent to report on the mines of the district.

Mr. Henry O'Hara, a well-known Toronto broker, is stung up the camp and the mines and prospects of the district.

The Coxe, it is reported, has been sold for \$30,000.

Double shifts of men are being worked on the Sunset group by the Walters Company, which has in hand the preliminary development work on these properties.

Considerable work will be done on Reservation claims this winter.

Snow is deep on the hills and Red Mountain is no longer distinguishable by its color, but from its heart the gold-bearing rock is being torn, and before the snow has disappeared from its face in the spring an interesting page will have been added to the history of Rossland's mines.

California drills will be run with air from the Black Bear compressor plant.

A syndicate represented by George H. Suckling has purchased, through J. B. Ferguson & Co., the Zilor, a well known claim situated near the Lily May in the South Belt. A strong company will be formed and work on the property will be commenced immediately.

Blilly Harris says Le Roi can produce 300 tons of ore daily when the new machinery is in full operation.

Some remarkable grey copper ore from the White Grouse district is being shown in the camp.

Frank Moberly, the well-known civil engineer, has entered into partnership with Messrs. Secretan and O'Boyle. The new firm will operate as engineers and contractors.

Judging by orders received from Toronto, that city's interest in Trail Creek stocks is undiminished. Investors, however, are beginning to discriminate somewhat and the best stocks have the call.

Work on the St. Paul is being pushed forward with all despatch.

The Red Eagle, a thirty-five acre claim lying between the Mayflower and Curlew, in the south belt, is being stocked and will be operated under efficient management. The surface showing is remarkable and some very high assays have been obtained, although work has been hardly begun. This claim, until now almost unheard of, has every prospect of becoming a paying property.

Deer Park is all right. The REVIEW learns from a reliable source that the showing in the bottom of the shaft is more promising than ever. The molybdenite, which carries the high values in Deer Park ore, seems to be in greater proportion, and assays will doubtless show a further improvement in grade.

The Mugwump shaft-house is nearly complete, and the working tunnel is being sunk on the ore vein, which shows from two to three feet wide in the bottom of the shaft.

W. T. Newman is in Rossland with N. Clark Wallace, M.P. They have just come from the new copper-gold discoveries near Kamloops, and in which Mr. Newman is largely interested. He had some beautiful specimens of ore with him, which certainly leave the impression that something wonderful has been discovered in the neighborhood of Kamloops. It is sincerely to be hoped so.