

in the most economical manner possible. The consulting engineer, Mr. T. H. Trethewey, places the average values of the ore at from \$3.50 to \$5.25 per ton, while he estimates the cost of mining and milling at from \$1.50 to \$2 per ton. If these figures are accurate (which Mr. Trethewey's reputation leaves no cause to doubt) this company will evidently prove one of the most profitable mining concerns in the country, since there is such a vast body of ore that it seems impossible ever to exhaust it.

The management have secured 2,000 inches of water at Okanagan Falls (ten miles distant), which will be used to develop electric power for mining and milling operations. A six drill duplex air compressor plant is now on the way to the mine, and as soon as it is set up in working order the present force of men will be augmented and the development will proceed steadily until sufficient work is done to block out enough ore to keep a 100-stamp mill running for three years. Then, if the ore still carries its present values such a mill will be erected. In the meantime mill tests of a few hundred tons will be made in one of the existing stamp mills, thus giving a check on the sampling of the mine. The resident engineer, Mr. W. J. Trethewey, is in charge of the work, while Mr. L. W. Shatford superintends the finances of the company. The head office is in Fairview, and the annual meeting will take place here early in November.

The Stewind Mine (owned by the Fairview Corporation) has recently been subjected to a severe examination by Mr. Taylor, chief examiner of mines for the Gooderham-Blackstock

THE FAIRVIEW SYNDICATE. Mr. Taylor's opinion CORPORATION. is that there is undoubtedly a very large body of ore in the mine,

while his estimate of the values was slightly higher than that of the resident engineer, Mr. J. F. Bledsoe. The latter gentleman estimates the cost of mining and milling at \$2 per ton, and the lowest average value at \$3.85 per ton, and recommends the installation of a large milling plant.

For the present the company, having acquired possession of the Smuggler stamp-mill, will haul down a thousand or more tons of ore in order to thoroughly test the values and prove the cost. The shaft on the main ledge will also be sunk another 100 feet.

The Smuggler Company seems to be suffering from a lack of money to prosecute work on the Admiral Dewey claim. This claim, the engineer, Mr. John Campbell, reports as looking remarkably well, the ledge being strong and well defined and carrying good values.

In consideration of the low-grade nature of Fairview ore and the fact that great economy is necessary to produce paying mines, it is greatly to be regretted that the Government should have seen fit to create such an obstacle to the mining industry as the eight-hour law is now proving. Even if the law were now repealed the situation would not be relieved, as men would certainly demand extra pay for the extra time they would have to work.

A considerable amount of work is being done on McCaig Mountain, a few miles north of here on properties belonging to Mr. C. A. Gordon, of Vancouver.

The Oro Fino mine is also being steadily developed under the superintendence of Mr. Fleming Robinson.

On Kruger Mountain, Mr. George R. Naden, of Greenwood, is working the Gold Dust and other

claims, held under bond. Mr. Norden appears very well satisfied with his bargain and fully expects the properties he has acquired to develop into paying mines.

Near Keremeos, a new camp has come into being, and is known as Summit Camp. It lies at the head of Olalla and 15-Mile Creeks, and produces some exceedingly fine samples of ore. Of course the discovery is so recent that very little work has yet been done.

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#### CAMP MCKINNEY.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

Very satisfactory work has been accomplished during the last month and the prospects of the camp were never brighter, it being a general remark of those returning after a few months absence, of the wonderful changes in McKinney. Numerous rich brick business houses having been erected, while the more prominent mining properties are equipped or are being equipped with the latest and best machinery.

PROGRESS OF THE CAMP. One consideration is a first-class hotel, and a small fortune awaits any one who will supply that need. Without reflecting on the present hotel accommodation, it goes

without saying that the travelling public of the present day, accustomed to the luxuries and comforts of the hotels of our larger towns, look with more or less contempt upon our so-called first-class hotels as relics of a past generation.

The famous old Cariboo with its additional compressor plant is now working a full force of men, and recently your correspondent was shown some most magnificent samples of ore taken from the lower level, the specimens fairly sparkling with gold—pretty good evidence that depth is not depreciating values in the old mine.

On the Wiarton claim, to the east of the Cariboo, the vein has just been struck. Some six months have been spent hunting for it, and it is most satisfactory to chronicle that at last success has crowned the efforts of the company.

The five stamp mill in the Waterloo is now being put up under the superintendence of Mr. Osnaburgh, who expects to have it in running order in about two weeks. The mill is a very complete plant, and though at present only five stamps will be used there is sufficient power for ten. Unless the managers are badly deceived this property will become one of the leading mines of the camp.

The Fontenoy people are running their steam drill, drifting towards the junction of their north and south ledge, with the east and west ledge coming from the Waterloo, where a big body of ore is expected to be struck. This property having two such defined ledges and the company ample capital for development, it can hardly fail of becoming an early producer.

Considerable work is being done on the Ecuador claim, belonging to the Ecuador Company, of Toronto, and also the Path-finder, Gold Cut and New York, belonging to the Silver Bet Company, of Toronto. These properties lie to the east of the Fontenoy.

MACHINERY INSTALLATIONS. A waggon road is being constructed to connect the Ecuador with the main Pen-ticton waggon road, to enable the company to haul in machinery. The Lemon Company's property, the Golden Standard, a little to the east of Ecuador, is