

The Le Roi No. 2 Will Mill Ore.

The miner is in a position to announce this morning that another of Rossland's big mines is preparing to inaugurate concentration operations.

The Le Roi No. 2 company is now completing arrangements for the erection of a plant to test its ores on a commercial scale with a view to demonstrating their amenability to concentration. Only details are yet to be completed, the decision to proceed with the experiments having been absolutely settled.

The experiments on a small scale with Le Roi No. 2 ore have been made exhaustively, and the results are gratifying. This has led to the decision by the company to conduct more elaborate experiments, hence the construction of the trial plant as decided upon.

The details relating to the capacity of the proposed experimental plant have not been divulged. It is understood, however, that a plant only of sufficient size to conduct tests on a commercial basis is contemplated at this juncture, but that immediate steps are to be taken to install the milling apparatus, tanks, etc., for this purpose.

If the results attained with the experimental plant are satisfactory it is the intention of the Le Roi No. 2 to erect a plant with a capacity of not less than 500 tons daily to handle the milling ores blocked out in their mines, the Jowle and No. 1.

NEWS OF KOOTENAY

THE PROGRESS OF EVENTS IN SOUTH BRITISH CO. LUMBIA.

THE SITUATION IN EAST KOOTENAY NEAR THE COAL RESERVES.

From the Rockies to the Okanagan, Southern British Columbia continues to make fairly good progress in spite of bad legislation and the lack of any assistance from the British Columbia agent-general in London. There is room for considerable improvement in the situation, but with the reasonable arrangement of the Canadian tariff on lead products that rich district should rapidly recover and enjoy great prosperity. The Lardeau country is showing up remarkably well and will probably see more activity this year than ever before. East Kootenay is in a fairly prosperous condition, but the refusal of the Provincial government to open the Southeast Kootenay coal "reserve" is holding back the development of the whole district. Little attention is being paid to the rich agricultural lands along Upper Kootenay valley, but as soon as the coal industry is developed there, a splendid market will be created for agricultural products, and the whole valley will be cultivated.

YMER DISTRICT.

Four cars of ore have been shipped last week from the Hunter Y. It is reported that there will probably be some litigation between the Fox Horn and Wilcox people as to surface rights. The rumor is again current that there is a deal on in connection with the Dundee mine. A few men are at present engaged in clearing up the mine for inspection. The first gold brick from the Wilcox mill has been taken up to Nelson by John F. Burne, the secretary of the Broken Hill company. This brick, which weighed 7 pounds, is, however, only the product of a partial clean-up, after a run of 16 days. The gold is found to be much freer than was estimated, necessitating a few slight alterations in the plates. Most of the gold is being retained in the mortars, from which no clean-up has been made yet. Philip White, the superintendent of the property, states that in order to get stopping ground on the richer shoots of ore, a quantity of low grade ore has had to be taken out, and this was used for the preliminary run of the mill.

THE SLOCAN.

It is reported that the Lanyon Zinc company is negotiating for a lease of the Lucky Jim. The people of Slocan are making an effort to get a branch of the Crown Bank in their city. The Silver Glacier at Bear Lake has shipped another car of ore. The property is still holding its own as one of the highest grade propositions in the Slocan. Dr. Rogers and D. McPhail of Kaslo, are interested in the mine. The main shaft on the Iron Horse is down 300 feet. The closing of the Enterprise has deprived this property of power for its drills. The Monitor works three eight-hour shifts without any trouble. This mine is under excellent management and paid a 10 per cent dividend last year. The long drawn out case of Harris vs. Kerlin has been settled in favor of Harris. The American Boy is shipping to East Helena, having made a contract with the smelter trust. Paddy Murphy has sold his interest in the Philbert, and William Bennett is now sole proprietor of that popular Sendon hotel. The leases have run out on the Queen Bee. There is plenty of ore in the mine and the company is working seven men. The Slocan mines shipped nearly 500 tons of high grade galena ore last week.

EAST KOOTENAY.

The Fort Steele Prospector, after a careful canvass of the situation, has come to the conclusion that East Kootenay will enjoy great prosperity during the current year. The Prospector insists that the Provincial government's restriction on the export of coal is the only thing that is holding back the development of the district. Western Washington is yet to produce coal of a quality to supply the needs of the smelters. With the tariff they are selling a pound of coke to the west for the repeal of the tariff.

LAND SHARE MARKET.

is the cheapest and best which to purchase the stocks of this and adjoining camps. It is borne out by all the cases. There are no mines in the Kootenay district ore dealt in than are those of the Trail Creek district. The head offices of most of the companies operating here are in Rossland, and even if some extra-provincial companies, principal offices are situated in the Province, they are common laws of British Columbia and an office and to have an agent here. There are of the shares of the companies in the division held in the reason why shares can be sold cheaper here than in the Okanagan. This is a fact, while outside points considerable extent, buying shares. Here the shares are the course of the organizations. Prospectors, in instances, sell their holdings in number of shares in the that are formed to operate promoters, in a large number, are residents of this country, too, receive big blocks compensation for their services result is that there is large supply of stock in hand in properties in which the are made. When a "strike" is a local property and there is a demand for the shares, Toronto, Montreal, London, Butte and other cities, they desire to purchase? Okanagan, not to Butte, not to go to Montreal, not to London, Rossland, where the bulk of the shares are held. That is and is always will be market of the mines of the It is here, more than elsewhere, that the value of the shares of companies is best understood through this be the case in Rossland are at times rocks and short on money, compelled by reason of the condition to part with shares know are worth more than at which they sell. This, too, make Rossland the leading center of the West. If interested in this subject will want to look at the quotations in the columns of the Daily Miner and compare them with prices quoted by the brokers in Spokane and other cities. Immediately be convinced that the contention is true that Rossland is the cheapest market in which to see British Columbia mining

ations be removed from the "reserved" coal lands of Southeast Kootenay. The several hundred Chinese who are placer mining on Wild Horse creek are celebrating their New Year in a most joyous fashion. This year will see an enormous increase in the lumber production of Southeast Kootenay. The logging camps will cut not less than 30,000,000. Forces are men are busily engaged at Wardner, Mather's camp, Doyle's camp, Corrigan's camp, Missouri Jack's camp and on the Skookum Chuck. The mail service in East Kootenay requires the immediate attention of the postal authorities. The district is seriously inconvenienced by the present condition of affairs. LARDEAU AND ARROW LAKES. Messrs. Ludgate are preparing to erect a large lumber mill at Arrowhead. Construction will commence next month. The mill will be supplied with logs from Fish Creek and the Big Bend. The mill will have a daily capacity of 75,000 feet. Good progress is being made in the flotation of the Calumet and B. C. company, which was formed to operate the Lardeau mine, one of the most promising properties in the Camborne camp. The following crew has been put on the dredge at Nakusp: Dredge master, Captain Kane; engineer, West Ledy; crane-man, Clark Watt; foreman, W. J. Banting; cook, H. Fohlin; deck hands, A. McNeil and W. J. Lappan; watchman, M. Daly. During 1902 the following records were made in the office of the Trout Lake mining recorder: Free miners' certificate, 273; mineral claims recorded, 196; certificates of work, 557; certificates of improvements, 9. Certificates of improvements were granted to the Nettie L. Ajax, Canada Girl, May Bell, Good Luck, Wales, The St. Elmo, Yankee and Don Fracition. The Lucky Boy group, adjoining the Horseshoe on Trout creek, has recently developed a foot of solid grey copper. The ore is being mined and rawhided to Trout Lake. The present low price of silver has in no way hindered the progress of the Lardeau country. The ore of the mines there runs into hundreds of dollars per ton with silver at 50 cents per ounce. The Northwestern Development syndicate expect to have their stamp mill ready for operation shortly. The aerial tramway to the Goldfinch has been completed. The third payment on the Eva mine has been made to A. F. Rosenberger by the Calumet and B. C. Gold Mines, Limited, amounting to \$10,000, making a total to date of \$28,000.

KAMLOOPS AND ASHCROFT DISTRICT.

J. W. McKinley of Bridge Creek has sold his ranch to William Sheridan. He went to Cariboo 30 years ago and engaged in prospecting in the Horsefly and Quenell Forks country. Messrs. Knight and Green have been examining properties in the Ashcroft district for an Eastern syndicate. One of the saddest events which have taken place in Kamloops for some time and one which has awakened the heartfelt sympathies of the whole community, occurred last week, when Clarence Eugene, eldest son of Alderman John F. Smith, passed away from this life. The event was all the more sad owing to the youth of the deceased who only a short while ago was in the full strength and vigor of early manhood. The recently built Indian industrial school at Lytton is now open with Rev. Mr. Ditcham as principal. A number of Indian boys have been admitted.

OKANAGAN.

C. O. French, who has been a resident of Princeton for the past two years or more, has gone to his old home at Pendleton, Oregon, where his wife and family still reside. He intends returning to Princeton in the course of a few months. Late information from Fairview states that a shaft is to be sunk 300 feet on the Morning Star, not 100 feet as was formerly reported. The Morning Star group is stated to be under bond to a New York syndicate, among the members of which are Messrs. E. L. Simpson, Jefferson Hogan and A. B. Bell. The bond is reported to call for an early commencement of development operations and payment for

Page Metal Ornamental Fence

Handsome, durable and low priced. Specially suitable for front and division fences in lawns, cemeteries, orchards, etc. Retail for 25 CENTS PER RUNNING FOOT. Just about the cheapest fence you can put up. Write for full particulars. Use Page Farm Fence and Poultry Netting.

The Page Wire Fence Co., Limited, Walkerville, Ontario. Montreal, P.Q., and St. John, N.B.

E. G. PRIOR & CO., General Agents, Victoria, Vancouver and Kamloops.

ROSSLAND WILL JOIN

Provincial Mining Association Project Well Received Here.

Public Meeting Will Consider Matter of Affiliating.

The proposed Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia has been most favorably received in Rossland. A representative of The Miner consulted a number of prominent citizens yesterday, and the unanimous verdict was that such an organization would promote the interests of the mining industry to a substantial degree, and that Rossland should take steps at once to organize a strong auxiliary to the provincial association and send delegates to the central meeting on February 26th.

Mayor Dean has been approached on the subject of convening a public meeting to consider the subject, and has indicated his willingness to do so and to cooperate in the movement. His worship believes that the proposed association will be a valuable aid toward promoting British Columbia's great mining industry, and thinks Rossland should, as the premier mining camp of the province, take an active share of the association's work in this district. He has not decided on the date for the public meeting, but this will be announced in the course of a day or two.

The results that can be attained through the medium of such an organization are indicated in the following excerpt from the circular letter sent out by the Victoria officers of the provincial association:

"The proposed association is not an untried experiment. Some years ago the miners and mine owners of California found themselves hampered as we are now with a lot of unjust legislative conditions. A few individuals met together to discuss the situation and devise a remedy, and they started the California Miners' Association for the purpose. The idea was grasped immediately by the working miners, the mine owners, the merchants, the farmers and others, and the result was that within a very short time the association succeeded in obtaining all the remedial legislation they required, and the mining industry of the state increased by leaps and bounds, and brought prosperity to all other industries also. Fortunately, we have in our midst a gentleman—Mr. J. B. Hobson, manager of the Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Co.—who was one of the originators of the California Miners' Association, and he will lend all the assistance he can to make a similar success of the Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia."

President Johnson and other members of the board of trade are in accord with the proposed movement and the matter will be brought up at the next meeting of the board on Wednesday next.

The question of sending delegates to the Victoria convention is complicated to some extent by the difficulty of meeting the expenses of delegates. The proposal now in view is that a branch or auxiliary association should be formed locally with the funds realized from membership fees and subscriptions representative members should be sent to the coast meeting.

LATE NEWS FROM THE SMELTER CITY

(Special to The Miner.)

TRAIL, B. C., Jan. 26.—An ice carnival is to be held here this week. The program for the first night is to be racing and the second night a masquerade. Seventy-five dollars has been already subscribed.

Miss Minnie Berg is confined to her home through illness. Alderman F. G. Morin is laid up with tonsillitis.

Mr. Archie Campbell has been under the doctor's care during the week, but is improving rapidly.

W. J. Shaw, B. A., who formerly ran the ferry here, and who has been teaching for the past year at Princeton University, is expected here next week. The Columbia & Western railway has received four new locomotives of a very large and powerful type, to run between Nelson, the Boundary and Trail.

Miss Grace Jackson is visiting friends in Grand Forks. Thomas Barnes, section foreman, has resigned his position here and gone to Spokane. Mr. Barnes made many friends while in Trail.

On account of a rock slide at Beasley siding a freight was derailed, delaying Thursday night's train considerably.

Mr. Lincoln Tyson of Nelson is with P. Burns & Co. in the position lately filled by Albert Walsh.

Mr. and Mrs. Boucher are on a visit to Trail, their former home. They are stopping at the Crown Point.

The members of the Trail fire department have elected the following officers for this year: President, James Craig; foreman, Will Isley; first assistant, D. Murray; second assistant, Ed. Johnson; secretary-treasurer, Frank Dockert. A resolution was unanimously passed asking the council to retain Mr. J. B. McCarthy as fire chief. There are about eighteen other members of the department. The equipment is in good shape, though 500 feet more hose is to be asked for.

THE STOCK MARKET

Mining stocks have shown somewhat greater activity during the week, but there has been little change of prices. The market is still a waiting one, to a large extent, though there are evidently several buyers ready to take chances on an early advance. Some small declines in the quotations are to be noted, more especially in some of the Republic stocks, because of the mines there being forced to seek smelter facilities at some distance.

Many shares of Giant have changed hands, mostly at 3, though yesterday the price went down to 2 5/8. Cariboo McKinney has ranged from 17 1/2 to 18, with a fair amount of business. Centre Star was active early in the week, 35 being the usual price.

The increase in transactions may be taken as an indication that more people have realized the cheapness of mining stocks at their present level, and therefore that an upward movement is likely.

Asked	Bid
American Boy.....	4 1/2
Black Tail.....	6 5/8
Ben Hur.....	6 1/2
Bonanza.....	10 1/4
Canadian Gold Fields.....	3 1/2
Cariboo McK. (ex-d.).....	13 1/2
Centre Star.....	35 1/2
Fairview.....	3 1/2
Fisher Maiden.....	5 1/2
Giant.....	3 1/2
Granby Consolidated.....	\$4 50 \$3 80
Lone Pine.....	2 1/2
Morning Star.....	3 1/2
Mountain Lion.....	12 1/2
North Star (B. C.).....	10 1/2
Payne.....	9 5/8
Quilp.....	28 24
Rambler-Cariboo.....	23 1/2
Republic.....	6 1/2
San Pol.....	11 1/2
Sullivan.....	4 1/2
Tom Thumb.....	4 1/2
War Eagle Cons.....	18 17 1/2
Waterloo (As. pd.).....	5 1/2
White Bear (As. pd.).....	2 1/2

Republic, 1000 at 6 1/4-c; Giant, 2000 at 3 1/2-c; Bonanza, 500 at 10 1/4, 3000 at 10 1/2-c; Cariboo McKinney, 500 at 17 1/2-c; Payne, 1000 at 9 1/2-c. Total, 8000.

Cariboo McKinney, 1500, 17 3/4-c; Giant, 3000, 3c; 2000, 2 7/8-c; Tom Thumb, 1000, 5 7/8-c; Mountain Lion, 500, 12 1/2-c; Payne, 1000, 9 1/2-c; War Eagle, 500, 17 1/2-c; Homestead, 1500, 2 7/8-c; Sullivan, 500, 4 1/2-c; Total, 22,000.

Giant, 5000, 3000, 3c; Cariboo McKinney, 1000, 15c; Republic, 1000, 6 1/4-c; Centre Star, 2000, 35c; Bonanza, 1000, 15c; Payne, 500, 9 1/2-c; Sullivan, 500, 4 1/2-c. Total, 14,000.

Fisher Maiden, 500, 5c; Giant, 1000, 500, 1000, 3c; Centre Star, 3000, 35c; San Pol, 1000, 12 1/2-c; Payne, 1000, 9 1/2-c; Republic, 1000, 6 1/4-c; Sullivan, 1000, 4 1/2-c. Total, 10,000.

San Pol, 500, 10 1/2-c; Cariboo McKinney, 1000, 17 3/4-c; Centre Star, 500, 35c; Bonanza, 1000, 15c; Centre Star, 3000, 35c; 2000, 2 7/8-c; Waterloo, 2500, 5 1/2-c; North Star, 1000, 10c. Total, 11,500.

American Boy, 8000, 4 1/2-c; Fisher Maiden, 2500, 4 1/4-c; North Star, 1000, 9 1/2-c; Giant, 1000, 2 3/4-c; War Eagle, 1000, 17 1/2-c; Republic, 1000, 6c; Waterloo, 2000, 5 3/8-c. Total, 10,500.

GOOD MINING PROPERTIES FOR SALE

We have some special bargains both in the listed and unlisted stocks.

Our 1903 Booklet sent on request

J. L. Whitney & Co. Mining and Stock Brokers

ROSSLAND, B. C.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Word was received here from Rome that the next consistory will probably be held at the end of February, when the pope will celebrate the attainment of the 25th anniversary of his pontificate. The occasion, according to the best information obtainable in Rome, will mark the creation of eight or ten cardinals, all of whom, it is understood, will be Italians, save one. The exception, it is said, is a German prelate, possibly the head of the Strasburg diocese.

THE LE ROI'S AFFAIRS

ANOTHER MEETING OF SHARE-HOLDERS IN LONDON ON 30th INSTANT.

MATTERS OF MANAGEMENT TO COME UP—OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Le Roi Mining Company takes place in London on the 30th inst. At this session the policy of the company for the forthcoming year will doubtless be outlined.

A definite announcement will then be made, in all probability, relative to the management of the company's interests at Northport and Rossland. It will be awaited with keen interest. As outlined in a recent cablegram to The Miner, an idea exists in London that Mr. McMillan will be the executive head of the company in Rossland, with mine and smelter superintendents to conduct the practical and technical operations of these departments. The point was not clear inasmuch as it is possible that in appointing Mr. McMillan to the managing directorship, his colleagues may not contemplate his taking a more active part in the management than was the case last summer when he acted as the representative of the directors here. At that time Mr. McMillan was not remunerated for his services, and his recent appointment may have been made with a view to securing to him a reasonable measure of remuneration for the services he will render to the board in Rossland.

The statement is made that Mr. McMillan will start for Rossland within a few days of the adjourned annual meeting, and that the question of management will then be disposed of. This coincides with the announcement made by John H. Mackenzie recently to the effect that he expected to be able to terminate his engagement with the Le Roi company about February 15th. It is hardly likely, however, that Mr. Mackenzie will succeed in getting away from the Golden City before March 1st.

The matter of superintendents is being discussed with interest here, but it may be stated that no changes are likely to be made for several months at least. Under existing superintendency substantial reductions have been made in mining and smelting charges, as has been demonstrated by the monthly returns of operations at Rossland and Northport. At the smelter the economies effected during recent months have been such as to afford an assurance that the coke supply adequate to the demand, the per ton cost of treatment was whittled down to 43. Under existing circumstances it has been found impossible to get below the \$3.50 mark.

The position of the Le Roi is clearly defined—an immense tonnage of ore has been blocked out upon which a handsome profit can be realized if nothing occurs to interrupt the operations at the mine and smelter. Under existing circumstances, unfortunately, the company is compelled to confine its operations largely to the handling of higher grade ore bodies and it is only possible to employ comparatively limited crews here and at Northport until the present drawbacks are removed. This will be accomplished when the coke supply is regular and adequate.

AULD LANG SYNE.

Mayor Dean's Friends of Twenty Years Ago Send Greetings.

His Worship Mayor Dean was one of the most surprised and best pleased men in the Golden City yesterday when he opened and read the following telegraphic dispatch, which explains itself.

Galveston, Texas, Jan. 27. Mayor Dean, Rossland. Your old Galveston friends congratulate Rossland and yourself on election as mayor.

(Signed) A. G. YOUNG. Twenty years ago Mayor Dean was a resident of the Lone Star state and a partner of the gentleman whose signature is affixed to the foregoing, in the building and contracting business. Since leaving Texas his worship has not seen any of his old acquaintances, but that they held him in pleasant memory is evidenced by the congratulations wired here as soon as they learned the outcome of the municipal contest.

IT WILL PAY ALL THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN MINING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE ROSSLAND MINER. IT GIVES ALL THE NEWS ALL THE TIME.

A GENUINE SNAP

WE HAVE A SMALL BLOCK OF MINING SHARES OF THE

BONANZA

GOLD MINES OF ROSSLAND, LIMITED, AT FIFTEEN CENTS.

We Have Special Bargains in Cascade and Referendum

The REDDIN-JACKSON Co. Limited Liability.

Members Rossland and Spokane Stock Exchanges.

ALL STANDARD STOCKS DEALT IN. 303 Rookery Bldg. 127 E. Columbia St. Spokane, Wash. Rossland, B. C. Established 1898.

R. A. O. HOBBS Mining and Real Estate Broker Member Rossland Stock Exchange. Correspondence Solicited. Cable Address: "Hobbs." 28 East Columbia Ave. Rossland, B. C.