

Lind and the Sunshine a large body of good ore has been opened on. The Horne Ledge comprises thirteen claims and is a monster vein. It lacks development, but when it receives this good results may be looked for.

The Goal Group, situated between the north and south forks of the Lardeau, comprises eight claims showing large bodies of mineral assaying \$40.00 in gold, 60 oz. in silver, and 50 per cent. lead. These claims are very conveniently located. Development work on a small scale has been done on a few claims exposing a vein six feet wide. This group should show up well during the coming summer.

The Knowles group, situated at the junction of the north and south forks of Lardeau Creek and consisting of five claims, has a very good showing. Being very recent locations they remain as yet undeveloped. The Great Northern Group is one of the early finds in this district, having been located in 1891 by Messrs. Downs, Holten, Walker, and others. The situation is very convenient, being about six miles from Trout Lake, and a good trail of easy grade for rawhiding has been made.

The True Fissure, under bond to Mr. F. Nowell, of Juneau, Alaska, is one of the best showings in the country and with development will undoubtedly become

propositions, surface croppings assaying \$12 per ton. The Abbott Group, situated near the head of Holly Creek about 23 miles from Trout Lake City, comprises five properties. On the summit a large vein outcrops which assays well in the hundreds. For the convenience of working these claims a tunnel is being extended to intersect the vein in depth. This work is now being pushed on vigorously with a full force of men and it is expected the vein will soon be met with.

Adjoining the Abbott Claims on the Duncan Slope is the Wagner Group consisting of four claims. Two of these, the Duncan and the Lardeau, have large outcrops of ore which assays from 300 to 500 oz. of silver per ton. The property is owned by Messrs. Wagner, Kennedy, and others and is at present under bond to a Spokane company, and it is expected it will be thoroughly opened up during the coming summer.

Asbestos was discovered thirteen miles from Trout Lake City during last summer by A. Abrahamson, and he intends developing it as early as possible. This is a new feature and as the surface ranks No. 1 in grade no doubt it will be successful.

With the number of mines at present at work and others which will be working during the early spring



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one of the leading mines in the district. The ore outcrops on surface from 30 to 60 feet wide. The Great Northern has been opened by a crosscut from the side hill, striking within easy distance a splendid vein of ore varying in size from two feet to four and a half feet in width and with an assay value of \$140 per ton. There are from 100 to 200 tons of ore on the dump. The Snowshoe was opened on last summer showing an improving vein with depth. The Phillipsburg, Silver Queen, Thistle, and Broadview, on the same lead remain as yet undeveloped.

The American, situated eighteen miles from Trout Lake City, is easily reached by going fourteen miles on the lake and four miles up the mountain. From the lake to the claim a trail has been cut and there is ore on the dump ready for shipment at any time. The vein opened on is rich in lead and silver and has a width of twelve to fourteen inches of solid shipping ore with every indication of improvement with depth. This property is owned by Messrs. A. Abrahamson Bros., Taylor, and Kinman. The average assays of ore places it at \$100 per ton.

The Atkinson and the Bear are recent locations situated at the mouth of Holly Creek, and are free gold

and summer we expect to see a concentrator, if not two, being built here at no very distant date. With ore of such a high grade as that of the Silver Cup, Great Northern, American, Badshot, and other working properties mentioned in this article, it is needless to state the prospects of the camp are good. What the district requires is a better knowledge of it by the outside world and more capital to bring it to the front. There is no hesitation in saying that if we get the capital Trout Lake District will become one of the leading mining centres in West Kootenay.

Trout Lake is reached from Revelstoke by rail to Arrow Head, 28 miles; steamer to Thomson's Landing, ten miles; and thence by a good wagon road connecting with Trout Lake, twelve miles distant. A charter has been granted for the building of a railroad from the Arrow Lakes to Kootenay Lakes by way of Trout Lake, which will come within easy reach of all the mines and reduce shipping charges to the lowest possible price.

The alteration which was recently made in the boundaries of the Duncan Slope has greatly inconvenienced prospectors. The advantages will be more apparent during the coming summer, as that point is much talked of at present and will be thoroughly prospected shortly.