

## British Columbia.

## ROSSLAND.

The Poorman now shows an upward tendency.

The Butte shaft is now down 66 feet and the bottom looks well.

Manager Clark has begun the sinking of a new shaft on the Phoenix.

The Coloma will be a shipping mine within ninety days. Work is being pushed on this property at racing speed.

The directors of the Kootenay-London company have decided to place machinery on the Annie Fraction.

An English offer of \$800,000 for the Jolie has been refused. It is not improbable that a New York pool will secure this mine for \$700,000, on a basis of \$1 a share.

Lieutenant-Governor Charles Macdonald is organizing two companies, one the Golden Wedge and the other the Spotted Tail group of Lake, and the other the Sultana to work the Sultana on Look-out mountain.

It is reported that Hirschel Cohen, of London and Johannesburg, has closed a deal for the purchase of the Cliff mine. So far there is no confirmation of the report.

A deal has been practically closed for the sale of the Southern Cross, Wolverine No. 2 and Iron Hill to the Kootenay-London company which has its headquarters in Toronto. This company includes as its prominent members some of the most influential mining investors in Canada.

## Rossland Record.

The petition for the charter of the Rossland Board of Trade has been forwarded to Ottawa; it contained over 50 charter members.

An unbroken chain of mineral claims from the Imperial to the Crown Point have all been surveyed and have been crown granted or application made for the same. This chain is three and three-tenths miles long.

## NELSON.

D. D. Irvine has purchased for Victoria parties, the Moonstone and Right Bower from J. R. Bigham, J. M. McPhee, and A. Cummings. The claims are situated at the head of Kootenay lake, and are said to be fine prospects.

N. A. Parent has let a contract to as the lower tunnel, which is being run on the Ajax mine. The Ajax is located on Woodbury creek, a short distance below the Silver Glacier. Parent has organized a company which is called the Laurier Gold and Silver Mining Company.

There was a strike amongst the miners working on the Antonio the other day. As the property is looking unusually well and has already shipped several carloads of ore this season with more to follow, Manager Ryan will doubtless arrange the little difficulty at an early date.

Archie Jardine has sold the mineral claim Voyagers to Herbert Cuthbert, of Victoria, a western manager for the British Canadian Gold Fields Company. This is the first time this company has invested in the Slocan country, although it owns a number of claims in other parts of the country.

The work of enlarging the buildings, putting in new and improved machinery, and developing the mine to secure an increasing output goes on steadily at the Silver King group. Preparations are complete for the reception of the electric lighting apparatus which is now on the way and is daily expected to arrive. The new air compressor engine is almost double the size and horse-power of the old one and it is thought that all danger from foul air is thus removed as well as a greater working capacity given to the air drills.

The matter of lighting the mine and works with electricity is an unique feature in this district. This will be the first company to adopt the up-to-date method of lighting, and the system will not only enable the men to see better, but will obviate the peril incidental to the use of candles. There are now about 215 men employed in and about the mine. What is known as the lower tunnel, which is being run to intersect the lower drift, is being pushed forward with the utmost speed. The completion of this tunnel will greatly facilitate the handling of the ore, as it will do away with the necessity of hoisting it up the shaft and bringing it by way of the upper tunnel and tramcars to the ore bins below. Much time and labor will be saved, and it is expected the tunnel will be completed before the end of the old year. At a depth of about 300 feet down the main shaft, a drift is being run to tap a large body of ore located by the diamond drill from above. This is confidently anticipated, will be one of the richest ore deposits discovered. They are within a few feet of the prize now and expect to uncover it in a few days.

## NELSON MINER.

It is rumored that the original townsite title to the town of Sandon is to be challenged, and an injunction asked for to restrain any further payments on pending contracts on sales. It is reported that the K. & B. railway will file the action in Victoria at an early date, and the grounds for the application will be that the land in controversy is within that belt of country granted as a subsidy to the railway by the government. During the past year the townsite has been well settled and a great many transfers have taken place. It is a matter in which nearly every resident is deeply interested.

Mr. A. W. Gifford, of Crawford creek, one of the owners of the Monte Carlo and the California, was in town last Thursday. He says that they will probably sell or stock the claims before next spring. Work on them has been stopped for the winter. On the Monte Carlo a 100 foot tunnel has been run 150 feet and on the California, a 25 foot tunnel has been run. The smelter returns of the two mines show 244 ounces in silver, 46 per cent lead and 6 per cent copper. Five tons are now at the Kaslo sampling works. The ore is clear gray copper.

## SLOCAN LAKE.

The Kootenay. Wilson creek properties will come in for a great deal of attention next spring. Both dry ore and galena exist there and in good healthy ledges.

A. N. Shaw, a Manitoba capitalist, has purchased the Scorpion, a claim close to the Republic group and near Slocan City, for \$2,000. Some 20 feet of a tunnel has been driven on the ledge, which gives \$10 in gold and 85 ounces in silver. Shaw will make a mine of it. Lohg, Tucker, Macleod and Thompson, owners of the Lily B. group, on Springer creek, received their first payment on the \$35,000 bond on Tuesday.

The ledge has been struck in the second tunnel of the Topaz group, on the eight mile divide, and under bond to Hugh Sutherland, of Winnipeg. The showing is 16 inches wide of galena and native silver.

It is claimed for the Sandon district that the highest assays in the Slocan comes from mines around there. The Dalhousie and Arlington, at this end of the country, can show records of over 9,000 ounces.

A raise is being run on the Enterprise group connecting the third and fourth tunnels. The ledge is very pronounced and shows considerable native silver.

The Neepawa, on Ten Mile, has ore on the wharf to make a trial shipment to Tacoma. A third tunnel has been completed on the group just below the McGillivray workings, and in twenty feet the ledge was exposed seven feet in width. The chute of ore has been proved nine feet wide in a ledge of fifteen feet.

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