

LE ROI'S NEW HOIST

The Plant Is the Largest of Its Kind West of Montana.

RUNNING IN THIRTY DAYS

It Is Built to Hoist a Thousand Tons Each Day, But Will Only Be Required to Hoist Five Hundred Tons to Begin With.

The MINER has already had a reference to the new hoisting plant now being installed at the Le Roi mine. A more detailed account of it will no doubt be interesting at this time as showing the substantial progress of the camp. The contract for this new hoisting plant was let last June to James D. Sward, agent of the Ingersoll Sargent Drill Company, and the Dominion Wire Rope Company, of Montreal, after competitive bids from several big concerns in the United States.

It is the largest hoisting apparatus ever built for a metal mine in the Dominion of Canada. The engine is of special construction, having been made expressly for the Le Roi company. The cylinders of the engine are 20 inches in diameter and the pistons have a 44-inch stroke. The full capacity is to lift six tons on a single rope, but the working capacity will not be much over two tons at a single lift.

The regular duty service of the plant will be to raise 500 tons of ore per day a distance of 1,000 feet, although double this work could be done if necessary. The hoisting engines of the great Anaconda copper mine at Butte have cylinders two inches smaller than those of the engine now going into the Le Roi plant.

The gallow frame of the hoist will be erected over the new incline shaft now being put down to the 500-foot level of the mine and will be very massive. It will be 50 feet high, and is being constructed of fir sticks 18x20 inches in size, brought here from the coast. These timbers are now on the ground and are the largest ever seen in the camp.

The ore will be brought up in a steel ship, which will run on guides laid on the incline. The ship will carry a little over two tons of ore and will make a round trip every five minutes.

The building which is to house this magnificent plant is now being erected and will be 40x137 feet in size. Capt. Hall, superintendent of the Le Roi, says the plant will be the largest and most complete west of Montana. If he has good weather he will have it in running order in a little over 30 days, when the output of the Le Roi mine will be very greatly increased.

INVESTIGATION ENDED IN SMOKE.

Belt and Boulton Did Not Present Charge Against Chief.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 9.—[Special.]—The meeting of the finance committee of the city council called together last evening to investigate the charge of immorality against Chief Hawthorne ended in smoke. It was discovered that the committee had never been authorized by the council to proceed with the investigation, and secondly it was found that no charges had been formally presented before the committee.

Mayor Belt, who said he had been apprised of the story against the chief, and who repeated it to the committee, and the man Boulton, who started the nasty tale, both failed to show up at the meeting, although they had been subpoenaed. Chief Hawthorne was present, however, and he vigorously insisted that now that his personal character had been attacked the committee in all justice should go on with the investigation in order that he might have an opportunity to clear away the odium cast upon his name by the chief executive of the city.

After considerable discussion had taken place as to the legality of proceeding with the investigation, in which Councilmen Schiller and Thompson favored going ahead, and Councilmen Acquist and Oliver took the negative, upon a vote being taken it was decided by a vote of three to two to adjourn without action.

From remarks passed it was made evident that Thompson will bring the matter up for the next council meeting in order that Chief Hawthorne may be given an opportunity to vindicate his character. Hawthorne proposes to make it hot for Mayor Belt and Boulton before he is through with the matter.

THE FAMOUS RUTH MINE

It Has Been Opened by Over 1,900 Feet of Tunnels.

Shipments Now Average 15 Tons Per Day—Fifty Miners Employed—Sandon Pokes Fun at New Denver.

SANDON, Jan. 9.—[Special.]—English capital is taking an unexpected interest in silver mines, as indicated by the bonding of the Victoria a few days ago for \$25,000, one-third interest in which claim was bought last October for \$1,500. This fact is still further impressed upon us by the purchase by Mr. Foster, an English capitalist, of two-thirds of the Ruth mine some time ago.

The Ruth, which is situated about 1,000 feet above Sandon to the south, is one of the few mines in the Sierrita that can boast of a wagon road to convey its product to the railroad. It can also claim credit for rapid development. Located in 1892, it has been worked less than two years, but to such good purpose that the sale to Mr. Foster was made on a basis of \$250,000 for the property, which consists of four claims, the Ruth, Ruth Fraction, Hope and Despair.

No. 1 tunnel is in about 125 feet, and the vein is two feet wide. No. 2 tunnel is 500 feet long and the vein is from six to eight feet wide. No. 3 tunnel is 900 feet long. No. 4 tunnel is in 370 feet, and will probably strike the lead within the next 100 feet. This will give a depth on the lead of 700 feet.

There has been considerable stoping between No. 3 and No. 2 levels. The ore shipped is galena and carbonates and amounts to about 15 tons a day. The galena assays 115 ounces silver and 70 per cent lead and the carbonates 70 ounces silver and 40 per cent lead. There is considerable concentrating ore being taken out, but this is being left on the dump for the present. Later a mill may be erected for the treatment of it.

The bunk house, a fine three-story frame building, will afford accommodation for over 100 men, but at present only about 50 are employed at this mine.

General News Notes.

The Dry Belt Mining and Milling company, with \$1,000,000 capital and H. H. Potts as president, Ira W. Black as vice-president, and S. B. Hendee as secretary-treasurer, will work the Cordelia on the North Fork of Carpenter creek. Ore shipped two years ago from this property netted \$125 a ton.

Sandon may be the "Sinless City" but no shadow clouds her prosperity. Three doctors have located here in a month. For fear the public may think it an unhealthy place I may say that people seldom die here, they merely grow weary of the hustle and bustle of the busy burg and go to New Denver to die, or recover from the nervous strain.

A lawyer from Vancouver came here to locate, but could not get an office so went to New Denver.

W. A. Campbell has been here for a few days, and in reported to have closed deals for several claims. With the advent of the Rossland pushers who know a good thing when they see it, we may look for a thing this country very much needs—a little advertising. We have no doubt this well known mining man will present us in a fair light to the investing public.

THE RICH FISHER MAIDEN

A Contract Let to Rawhide 200 Tons From the Mine.

Freight and Treatment Charges Only Amount to \$80 Per Ton and the Ore Averages Over \$80.

Frank Watson returned Thursday evening of last week from the Slocan Lake district, where he has been looking after his new mine, the Fisher Maiden. The Fisher Maiden is on Four Mile creek, east of the town of Silverton, and other producing properties in the same neighborhood are the Wakefield, Thompson, Jenny Lind and Read & Robinson. The ore from these mines is rawhided down to Slocan lake.

Frank Watson gets a rate of \$25 per ton for rawhiding, transportation on boat and rail and treatment. He has just contracted to ship 200 tons at this rate. The ore runs about \$80 a ton. Some of it is very much richer, running over 300 ounces. Mr. Watson brought down some very pretty specimens of ruby silver. He thinks the clean ore will average 15 inches in width. It is not a big mine, but a rich one.

A company has been organized to take over the Fisher Maiden and an adjoining property, with Judge George Turner as president. Among the directors are E. J. Dyer, cashier of the Exchange National bank of Spokane; Ross Thompson and John Kirkup, of Rossland; W. F. Tye, chief engineer of the Columbia & Western railway, and John Riplinger and Frank Watson.

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Description of Property.

The Snowdrop is 3 1/4 miles from Rossland in the South Belt. It is distant from the Crown Point about three-quarters of a mile. Adjoining it on the east is the Summit. A shaft on this claim shows a large ore body assaying \$12 per ton in gold. This vein runs through the Snowdrop. A site has been selected for a tunnel and work on the Snowdrop will be continued all winter.

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