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A COMING CAMP.

In the southwestern part of the Trail Creek mining division, there is a rich mineral district which is rapidly assuming importance. The town of Waneta, on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway, is the gateway of the mines of the Pend d'Oreille river, and though it is at present known simply as the Canadian customs station on the Columbia, it promises to become a mining camp of some importance. Waneta is situated almost opposite historic Fort Sheppard, one of the first settlements in inland British Columbia, but long since abandoned by the Hudson's Bay Company, and now in ruins. The Columbia at this point affords first-class fishing, and the Fort Sheppard house, the only hotel at Waneta, is the resort of many anglers intent on the capture of the gamy rainbow and dolly varden, as well as mining men who are beginning to pay attention to the lower Pend d'Oreille.

A placer mining company which holds leases of a good deal of ground along the river, spent a large sum of money, some six years ago, in the construction of a wagon road along the river to 15-Mile Creek. Though this company has not done any work for several years, the road is still in very fair condition. Representations were made to the government, in consequence of which, a couple of years ago, the mining men of the Pend d'Oreille were informed that \$2,000 had been appropriated for an extension of this road to the Bunker Hill and adjoining groups. The road has not yet been extended, however, and many of the miners have been subjected to great inconvenience in getting supplies to their claims. At the present time, however, the company, composed of Rosland and eastern men, which owns the Bunker Hill group, is proceeding with the construction of the road, trusting to obtain from the government at least a part of the money appropriated for the purpose. Sixteen men are at work on the road, which will have a length of five miles with a good grade from the old road to the mines.

On the Bunker Hill and Mormon Girl, the property of the company already mentioned,

there is a magnificence surface showing of quartz, carrying values in gold and silver. The main lead is on a contact of slate and granite, the latter formation being apparently on the foot wall. The ledge appears to have a width of at least 60 feet of concentrating quartz, which is mineralized throughout. In places there are surface croppings over a hundred feet in width. This lead outcrops on five claims. On the Bunker Hill claim there is a cross lead, running into the main lead. On this second ledge a tunnel was driven for 170 feet, for which distance at least the vein carries an average width of five feet of quartz, with average values throughout of \$10 a ton. As the ore is capable of very economical treatment, this value is regarded as highly satisfactory, and a considerable improvement is looked for when greater depth is obtained as, while surface assays ran very low, values of \$160 were obtained at different points in the tunnel at depth. It is estimated that the tunnel shows 10,000 tons of ore. At 170 feet from the mouth of the tunnel it was found that the strike of the cross lead was not, as at first supposed, at right angles to the main lead, and the direction of the tunnel was changed, so as to tap the big vein at a depth of several hundred feet. The tunnel is now in 330 feet, and the face is within a short distance of the lead. It is the intention of the company to install a concentrating or cyanide plant very soon, and with the object of ascertaining the best mode of treatment, a consignment of half a ton has been sent to San Francisco, where it will be tested. Mr. John Y. Cole, the managing director of the company, says that on the completion of the wagon road adequate mine buildings will be constructed and work on the property will be pushed forward with all rapidity.

On the main ledge of the Bunker Hill, and adjoining that property on the south, are the Yankee Girl fraction and the Granite. These claims are the property of A. Schneider and partners. The big vein has been crosscut in various places on these claims, and holds its width and trend through both properties, while a prospect pit on the Granite shows that the values on this claim, as on the Bunker Hill, increase very appreciably as depth is gained. These claims lie on the steep side sides of 16-Mile Creek gulch, and afford good tunnel facilities.

The northern extension of the Bunker Hill is the Bluejay, owned by Messrs. Schneider, Morgan and Lang. On this there is also a good surface showing.

The Lord Kitchener and Mayflower, also adjoining the group, are the property of Messrs. Adie and Manson. These claims have good quartz ledges, judging from surface indications.

The Victoria, an extension of the Mormon Girl, is owned by Newman and Monk, the original locators of the Bunker Hill group. The Admiral Dewey, on another ledge carrying galena, is owned by A. Schneider and partners and is a promising claim.

The Zealandia group, on 15-mile creek, comprises five claims, and is owned by A. G. Lang, and C. L. Pearson, of Waneta. On the property there are three veins, carrying free gold and copper pyrites and giving \$30 and \$40 assays. The largest vein is about 4½ feet wide. Development work is in progress on this property.

A. E. Church and A. G. Lang are the owners of the Princess group, on the west fork of 15-mile creek. They have a 2½ foot lead of quartz, carrying grey copper and assaying \$15 a ton.

Mr. Fred Adie of Waneta, besides doing a big business in mining supplies, is heavily interested in a number of good properties in the Pend d'Oreille camp, including the Bright Future group, consisting of four claims at the mouth of the Salmon river, and one mile south of the Bunker Hill. This group has a five-foot ledge of quartz, carrying gray copper and galena, assaying \$30 to \$48. Mr. Adie is also a part owner in the Nevada and Jersey groups, on Lost creek, a tributary of the Salmon. On all these properties development work is in progress.

On Red Top mountain, a half mile from Waneta, but on the Washington side of the line, are a good many prospects, some of which have been developed to a considerable extent, and show good values. The Red Top mining company has three claims, on which considerable work has been done. The ore is tetrahedrite, from which assays as high as \$1,450 a ton have been obtained. Sample shipments to the smelters gave returns ranging from \$131 to \$735 in all values.

The Lake View company has a vein of chloride ore carrying high values in silver, with some gold. They have 650 feet of tunnels.

Messrs. Warren, W. J. McMurty and John Y. Cole, of the Bunker Hill Company visited the district at the same time as the Miner representatives and expressed the greatest confidence, not only in the future of their own properties, but also in the success of mining operations in the district generally.—(Rosland Miner.)