

a concentrator. Water is available with a small amount of piping. As large a force of men as the workings at present will accommodate will be employed immediately, according to reports which come from the district.

A despatch from Toronto states that shareholders of the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company have taken up the entire issue of \$3,000,000 of ten-year, 7 per cent. convertible gold debenture bonds, recently authorized by this company. The price paid is par with accrued interest. The list opened on January 18 and closed February 4.

The money will be used for improvements and extensions on the company's property in British Columbia. Part of it will go for an extension of the West Kootenay Power and Light Company, and another part for the enlargement of a copper refinery.

Construction of the Northport line is practically finished. The 60,000 volt line will be used in operating the smelter. Extensions which will be made will be only such as become necessary in connection with productions for furtherance of war efforts. All of the work done by the company since 1914 has been for the transmission of power for use in metal production.

Summit camp is badly handicapped for want of a wagon road. The present trail is said to be almost impassable in places. This camp is said to be one of the richest in Canada. A Mr. Sutter was the first to stake claims there. This was 23 years ago. Sutter was grubstaked by Col. Robert Stevenson, now a resident of Princeton.

Arrangements are under way for operating the mine of the Osoyoos Coal Company at Ashola, about nine miles up the Similkameen River from Princeton. W. P. Tierney, the railroad contractor, is president of the company, and Wm. Gosnell, of Nelson, is vice-president.

In the Slocan the Whitewater tailings, ponds and dumps are under lease to M. S. Davys. It is estimated that they contain about 100,000 tons of workable material, averaging 10 ounces in silver and considerable in lead and zinc. The C. P. R. will haul material to the Kaslo concentrator for \$1.25 a ton. A royalty of 15 per cent. will be paid upon lead recoveries, and 10 per cent. on zinc. Mr. Street, of Seattle, has an interest with Mr. Davys in the enterprise. It is expected that milling will begin this month.

On behalf of Seattle interests, says a Prince Rupert report, an offer of \$135,000 was made recently for the North Star property at Alice Arm, bought last summer under an \$80,000 bond by McAleenan and Zarelli. The North Star is a silver property. The offer has not yet been accepted.

The Reco mine at Sandon has been sold to James Dunsuir of Vancouver for \$250,000, according to an announcement made in Nelson last week by Fred A. Starkey.

The deal is considered in Slocan mining circles as one of the most important in recent years. The property has been worked by numerous lessees, all of whom have made substantial showings, according to the records of the mine. In 1893 the mine was under lease by Patrick Clark, of Spokane.

J. M. Harris and Fred Kelly of Sandon were president and secretary-treasurer of the company.

The mine is located on Payne mountain, adjoining the Noble Five group, which is also owned by Mr. Dunsuir. Both properties lie on the Cody side of the mountain, which is familiar to many mining men because of the number of rich properties located thereon.

The Reco is one of the early locations of the district. In all it has about 12,000 feet of workings, consisting of tunnels, crosscuts and raises. Two of the veins have been mined, the main or Reco vein and what is known as the Goodenough, which is small but extremely rich, having produced a large percentage of the total shipments amounting to \$1,000,000. The property has paid \$321,992 in dividends, in addition to cost of development and overhead expenses.

An enthusiastic despatch from Revelstoke, under date of June 5, says: A sensational strike of ore has been made in the Woolsey mine at Silver Creek, near Albert Canyon, just east of here. The tunnel on the vein has been crosscut at a distance of 100 feet from the lower outcrop and 600 feet vertically from the upper outcrop. The vein is nearly 20 feet wide in the crosscut and carries 15 feet of milling ore and 20 inches of clean silver lead ore.

The tonnage now proved up is simply enormous and before long this will be the centre of great mining activity.

The adjoining property, located last year by Sandberg and Hestrom, has been taken over by a company and will be worked actively this summer.

Negotiations are on foot with a Cobalt company for the purchase of the property.

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