

ROSSLAND'S MINES

The Flood of Capital is Coming This Way.

BIG DEALS NOW PENDING

The Victory-Triumph to Start Up Again—David B. Bogle's Success in London—The Poorman Coming to the Front—News of the Camp.

[From Sunday's Daily.] There are now nearly 35 mining properties at work in the immediate vicinity of Rossland. The mere wildcats and the worthless claims have been weeded out, and the properties now being developed have proven themselves to have real merit, and to contain with reasonable certainty the making of mines.

No better evidence could be found of the esteem in which the camp is held in the financial centers of the world than the number of important mining deals now pending. The camp has proven its worth, and the tide of investments is now flowing this way.

These men are moving slowly, but nevertheless it is certain that they will secure some of the good things in this camp before leaving here.

Besides a number of deals which are not yet made public, negotiations are in progress for the Great Western, the West Le Roi & Josie, and it is believed the Josie itself, while London reports speak most encouragingly of the negotiations now in progress there for the Le Roi.

The ore shipments for the past week amounted to 1,155 tons, divided as follows: Le Roi, 1,005; Centre Star, 30; Iron Mask, 45; Poorman, 60; and Cliff, 15.

Never was the great Le Roi in such magnificent shape as at present. At the 600-foot level the west drift is now in nearly 200 feet, showing up a solid body of ore 15 feet wide for a distance of 200 feet. The showing has never been equalled in the development of this wonderful property.

The Le Roi smelter will be ready to commence operations about the first of February, when the mine will commence shipping to it regularly. All the product of the property will be treated at the new reduction works.

It is possible a long tunnel may be started soon to cross the entire property from side line to side line at the 600-foot level. All the workings of the property so far have been confined to the main or middle ledge. There is a promising lead to the south of this, and also a fine outcrop immediately to the north. The south ledge is apparently strong and vigorous, with good surface values.

The north lead, while only three feet wide, shows values as nearly as high as in the original lead. By crosscutting the three at the depth indicated the company will be in a position to know with some accuracy as to the values of the ledges.

The shipments from the Le Roi last week amounted to 1,005 tons.

David B. Bogle, who has been in London in the interests of the Kootenay Goldfields Syndicate, limited, of which he is managing director, has practically completed his mission and expects to leave for this country about the first of December. He will spend the holidays with friends in Ontario, and expects to be back in Rossland not later than January 15.

Mr. Bogle is well pleased with the result of his trip, and announces that his arrangements have been highly successful. The stock of his new company has been successfully placed, and immediately upon his return to this camp operations will be resumed on the syndicate's property, the Victory-Triumph, on Sophie mountain, adjoining the Velvet. All the payments for the controlling interest in the property have been met as they became due, and the syndicate is evidently in good financial condition.

Much interest has attached to Sophie mountain since the recent fine developments on the Velvet, and the revival of work on the Victory-Triumph will be greeted with interest by mining men.

The Poorman is splendidly fulfilling the promises made when work was resumed a few weeks ago. The third week's shipments, amounting to 60 tons of fine gold-copper ore, show a most gratifying increase over the former shipments. It is announced that shipments may be expected regularly from now on.

At present a machine is actively at work in the main tunnel level, where there is a fine four-foot body of chalcopyrite and black quartz, assaying as high as \$80 in gold and 12 per cent copper. An upraise is being cut out to connect the main tunnel with the upper level, 35 feet above. When this is completed ore can be extracted with great economy from the upper workings. Another machine may be put to work shortly.

The Poorman is producing some of the prettiest ore that has been taken out of this camp. It shows copper in all its various forms, and for gorgeousness it can not be surpassed.

At the Sunset mine the work of development is being energetically pushed, and No. 1 tunnel has now reached a depth of 325 feet, and there is a fine body of ore in its face. Managing Director Drewry further reports that the work of driving the upraise to connect the tunnel with No. 2 shaft has been commenced. No. 3 shaft is now down a distance of 65 feet and the showing here is of the most encouraging character.

the vein being between walls and the ore body constantly growing larger. During the week a new ore house has been built at the mouth of No. 1 tunnel, where the ore is to be sorted and made ready for shipment.

The Lily May. A full force of men is at work on the 100-foot level in the shaft of the Lily May, where drifting and crosscutting is in progress.

The Iron Colt. Some good looking ore has been met in the face of the main tunnel, which it is believed is the main vein of the property, and drifting to the south has been commenced. Drifting is also in progress on the great ledge encountered farther back in the tunnel and the showing continues to be very fine.

The Josie. The company met in this city on Tuesday last, and decided not to accept the proposal for the purchase of the property made by the Dominion Explorers of London. Operations in the mine are being continued along the usual lines, and it is rumored that the Ricard syndicate is endeavoring to get another option on this property.

The Iron Mask. The main tunnel is being deepened and a new Cameron sinking pump is being installed. Stopping is in progress at the 100-foot level and some good ore is being extracted. The shipments last week amounted to 45 tons.

The War Eagle. The west 375-foot drift is showing up an excellent body of ore, averaging about six feet wide, and giving values of \$20 and better. The east 375-foot level is also looking well. The main winze is being continued to the 625-foot level.

The Virginia. The syndicate which recently acquired the Virginia is actively continuing operations in the two-compartment shaft which has been commenced to open up the property.

The Deer Park. Fourteen men divided into three shifts are actively engaged extending the shaft on the Deer Park. The showing continues to be very favorable. The shaft is now down about 160 feet.

The Great Western. Only nominal operations are being carried on until the company decide on the sale of its property at the meeting which occurs on December 27th in this city.

The Evening Star. The upper crosscut is very near to the shaft towards which it is being driven and the connection will soon be made. The lower tunnel is being driven towards the ledge.

The Abe Lincoln. The main shaft is being steadily deepened, and some excellent indications are being encountered, which lead to the belief that a considerable body of mineral lies not far off.

The Cliff. Stopping is in progress in the upper tunnel of the Cliff and some good copper ore is being taken out. The shipments last week amounted to 15 tons.

The Cozy. Operations are being continued in the long crosscut tunnel, which is being driven through the country rock to catch the lead.

The Monte Cristo. Operations are being steadily continued on the Monte Cristo and the Colon, and the showing is pronounced very satisfactory.

The Centre Star. The Centre Star is being actively developed and shipped 30 tons of ore during the past week.

The Elba. The main shaft is being continued and supplies have been laid in for continuous development throughout the winter.

The Little Joe. The main tunnel is being advanced to catch a large ore body outcropping on the surface.

The Velvet. The main shaft on the Velvet continues to show up a splendid body of ore. A large force of men is employed.

The Fernalde. The shaft which is being sunk on the property is showing up some good copper ore.

The Cliff Fraction. Work is being pushed on the Cliff fraction, on Red mountain, and a good body of ore is being opened up.

The Blue Elephant. The shaft is being deepened on the Blue Elephant, and the ledge is showing up well.

The Atlantic Cable. Two shifts of men are at work on the Atlantic Cable, near the O. K., with excellent results.

The Jumbo. The lower tunnel is being driven along the vein and the showing is very encouraging.

The Crown Point. The shaft is being continued from the main tunnel level.

The Mountain View. The lower tunnel is being extended and the showing is very satisfactory.

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POWDER, CAPS & FUSE

Where Rossland Obtains Her Supplies of These Articles.

A COMBINE IN DYNAMITE

The Explosives Are Made in Factories on the Coast, Principally by Chinese Labor—Caps Made in the East and the Fuse in Connecticut.

There is an interesting story behind all the vast quantities of dynamite used every day in this district. To begin with, it is all furnished by two great companies—the Giant Powder company of San Francisco and the Hamilton Powder company—both of which have agencies in the city. Notwithstanding the presence of the two rivals in the same field, prices are firmly maintained, for the competitors have entered into a compact whereby the price of powder is maintained as invariable as the laws of the Medes and Persians, and while the two companies respectively are diligent in season and out of season in placing powder, yet there is no bargain counter days in that commodity, and the delights of "shopping" backwards and forwards in search of a discount are unknown to the purchaser of dynamite.

It is made on the coast. The giant powder itself is made almost entirely on the coast. One company has its factory at Nanaimo and the other at Victoria. Dynamite, it may be needless to say, is simply a mixture of nitro-glycerine and wood-pulp, produced for the sake of convenience in pump sticks covered with oiled paper. The makers of this delightful article proudly claim that it is the safest and most convenient explosive in existence—when handled rightly. Nevertheless, they make no boasts about nitro-glycerine, its crude state, which moves in most mysterious ways, and its wondrous powers, and the powder-makers leave the manufacture of the glycerine to big factories in the States, where the making of it is the entire occupation of the manufacturers until an explosion occurs and they are wanted to glory.

At the factories on the coast, therefore, the entire business consists in mixing the glycerine and the sawdust together, and putting up the product, dynamite, in convenient shape to be handled. Here, except for the overseers, Chinese labor is employed exclusively. Occasionally a batch of dynamite in process of creation will show sudden signs of speedy explosion, when the whole of it will be slid off into the sea, where the cold water prevents the coming catastrophe. It is in cases like this that the dynamite makers by the company in this way, the sea-eyed agents will tell you, that makes the cost of the explosive so high.

Its Handlers Have Headaches. The handling of the dynamite, as everybody knows, is prone to produce headaches, and these excruciating tortures, by another fact, less widely known, is that constant handling of dynamite is supposed to lead one into the wiles of Cupid, and cause the victim to fall desperately in love on every occasion, willy nilly and without any of the usual preliminaries.

Supporting that the dynamite is safely manufactured and packed away in its white pine boxes, the next thing is to transport it to its destination. Here the law steps in, and provides that dynamite shall be carried only in cases plainly marked on the contents, and if shipped by boat, the boat must carry no passengers. Arrived at its destination, the explosive is at once transported to the companies' warehouse or to the mines where it will be used.

The caps come principally from the east, while the fuse is made by a firm in Connecticut. A good many people have been misled to believe that the dynamite is produced here, but nobody has ever yet equalled those Connecticut Yankees. The making of the fuse is a serious matter, for a flaw in it might cost a hundred men their lives. The Connecticut firm's machinery throughout the manufacture of its product, and electric alarm bells are used at every stage of the process.

THE MINING INSPECTOR. K. of L. Assembly Demands That the Rossland Assembly No. 1827, K. of L., at its last meeting took up the question of the appointment of a mining inspector and adopted a preamble and resolution in favor of such appointment.

The preamble sets forth that for reasons best known to the minister of mines for the province and his colleagues the appointment of a mining inspector remains yet to be made; that the object of such an appointment is to make more safe and secure the lives and limbs of the operatives and the property of the mining operators.

The assembly therefore resolved that it views with displeasure the inaction displayed in the matter; condemns the tardiness of those having the appointment in charge; calls on the minister of mines to make the appointment forthwith, believing that such action would minimize the number of trivial, serious and fatal accidents that are occurring in the mines; it is further resolved that in the judgment of the assembly the requirements of a practical metalliferous miner; it also deprecates the appointment of a friend of the government to the place as, it is rumored, is about to be done.

THE SISTERS' HOSPITAL. Summary of Receipts and Expenditure For Its First Year.

One of the useful institutions of the city is the Sisters' mater misericordia hospital. One does not realize what a benefit this hospital is until sickness comes, and then its many merits are fully recognized. The hospital has been in existence for a period of a year. From the time of its opening on November 4, 1896, until the present time 14 of the 206 admitted during that period nearly all of the 14 who died were at death's door when they were brought to

Wild Horse Gold Mining Company

(LIMITED LIABILITY.) ROSSLAND, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

CAPITAL STOCK 2,000,000 SHARES.

PAR VALUE \$1.00, FULLY PAID AND NON-ASSESSABLE.

TREASURY STOCK 700,000 SHARES.

OFFICERS: R. A. DICKSON, ESQ. PRESIDENT. J. S. CLUTE, ESQ. VICE-PRESIDENT. JOSEPH B. DABNEY, ESQ. SECRETARY-TREASURER. J. L. PARKER, ESQ., Mining Engineer. GENERAL MANAGER.

The properties comprise seven gold and silver bearing claims, viz: the Molly F. Big 2, Nebraska Girl, M. E. F., Red Lion, Whale and Commonwealth, situated on Wild Horse, Porcupine, Bear and Quartz creeks, which empty into the Salmon river, distant on an air line about 30 miles from Rossland, in the West Kootenay District, British Columbia, and within a radius of four miles of Ymir station on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Rail Road.

These properties are not isolated, but in the immediate vicinity and surrounded by such properties of known value as the Dundee, Ymir and Tamarac. A considerable amount of work has been done on each of the properties belonging to this company and without exception every one shows up remarkably well. On the Nebraska Girl a splendid ore body has been found and a tunnel is now being driven in on the lead where a depth of 350 feet will be attained. The latest assay gotten from ore taken from this tunnel runs \$74.68.

These properties were passed upon by Mr. J. L. Parker, the mining engineer who passed upon the Dundee property and under whose superintendence it has shown up so well that the stock has advanced from 10 to 75 cents per share, and we may add that he also passed upon the Keystone, the shares of which have doubled in value within a short time.

Mr. J. L. Parker has accepted the position of General Manager of the Wild Horse Gold Mining company, and all its work will be carried on under his direction.

This is essentially and strictly a working company, and we have every reason to believe that, by careful and judicious management and expenditure of money in opening up the property, gratifying results will be achieved, and the property made a dividend payer within a reasonable length of time.

All the promoters' shares have, by agreement, been pooled indefinitely and consequently cannot come into competition with the treasury shares until the mine is on a paying basis, and none will be sold except treasury stock for development purposes and the putting in of machinery.

The Wild Horse Gold Mining company has 700,000 shares of Treasury Stock. It is our aim, and we believe we can make the work of the company a grand success. The work of opening up and developing the property is going steadily ahead and will be pushed vigorously.

For the purpose of raising funds with which to carry on the work, the company has decided to offer for sale a limited number of shares. Statements will be sent from time to time to every shareholder giving full information in regard to the condition and progress of the business.

WILD HORSE GOLD MINING COMPANY, ROSSLAND, BRITISH COLUMBIA. Box 753.

the place from fevers or the effects of injuries received in accidents and died within 24 hours of the time they were admitted. During the year the sum of \$12,719.95 was received and \$12,708.97 expended. Of this sum \$6,462.52 was spent on the old and new buildings and for furniture and the remainder was disbursed in conducting the hospital. Entertainment, fair and collections. The future expenses will not be so great as they were during the first year of existence, when the founding expenses had to be met.

The Sisters return their grateful thanks for the contributions made by the public and further request donations of money and old clothes for the use of those who are unfortunate. In the summary of expenses is one for physician's fees. Patients who are poor are not charged, however, for medical attendance.

The city and the province have both promised to make donations to the hospital, but so far have failed to do so. It is expected that at the next session of the provincial legislature such a donation will be made in accordance with the promise made by Premier Turner during his recent visit to the city. It is thought, too, that the incoming city council will make an appropriation that will help to sustain the hospital. Following is a summary of the place's affairs from November 4, 1896, to November 4, 1897:

RECEIPTS. Subscriptions \$3,971 52. From patients \$3,428 66. From payroll \$2,824 02. From hospital tickets \$437 84. Entertainment, fair and collections \$25 20. Furniture \$200 00. From miscellaneous source \$719 09. Total receipts \$15,777 33.

EXPENDITURES. Rent, improvements on old building \$1,700 12. New building \$3,971 05. Furniture \$533 38. Entertainment, fair and collections \$25 20. Groceries and provisions \$1,842 13. Hospital supplies, medicine, nurses \$1,238 26. Doctors' fees \$143 50. Light and water \$25 24. General expense, including stationery \$492 50. Dry goods \$13 37. Labor \$1,803 57. Sundries \$1,708 07. Total expenditures \$12,708 97. Balance \$3,068 36. Total receipts \$15,777 33. Balance on hand Nov. 4, 1897 \$2,708 97. Hospital \$1,501 05. Sundry accounts due and unpaid \$1,501 05. Total indebtedness \$4,445 97.

Following is a summary of the patients received, discharged, etc., during the year: Number of patients received, 206; males received, 193; females, 13; total number of deaths, 14; remaining in hospital, Nov. 4, 1897, 9.

A FUGILISTIC TEACHER. Indulges in the Manly Art With a Real Estate Dealer. NELSON, Nov. 26.—[Special.]—Nelson has a pugilistic school principal in the person of Mr. Green, and his propensity for the manly art will cause him to appear before the police magistrate tomorrow morning on a charge of assault. It appears from the story of the present case, witness, H. C. McCulloch, a real estate dealer, that Green went into his office and commenced abusing him. The

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