

From the Mining Camps

NOTES.

The Tamarac mine, near Ymir, made another shipment of 30 tons of ore to the Northport smelter last week. The value of the shipment was \$1,134, of which all save \$84 was in gold values.

The Dundee mill was opened last week in the presence of a large number of visitors. It is expected to keep the mill constantly running, as there is a large quantity of concentrating ore on the dump, and plenty of ore in sight.

The Second Relief mine, near Erle, has commenced shipping, the ore going out by the outport of Waneta. During the past week 38 tons have been entered at the customs for export, the value of which was \$1,558. The ore carries two ounces of gold and one ounce of silver to the ton.

It has been estimate on good authority that the output from Ymir will be close on 7,000 tons for the month of February from the six shipping mines, viz.: Ymir, Dundee, Porto Rico, Tamarac, Blackcock, and Fern. In the summer there will also have to be taken into calculation the Fairmont, Bullion, Wilcox, Big Hora (Simcoe), and Union Jack, all of which will be shippers.

During the past week the Hall Mines, Limited, exported two cars of bullion over the Crow's Nest Railway, the value of which exceeded \$40,000.

Mr. Thomas Roderick has been doing an assessment on the Myrtle in Greenwood camp, owned by Messrs. R. M. McIntyre and Walter Sterling, of Vancouver. A good ore body has been uncovered. The Myrtle is a fractional claim lying between the Old Ironsides and Idaho, is wedge-shaped and about 200 feet long and 24 3-4 feet at its widest point.

TEXADA ISLAND.

We are informed that 22 men are now employed at the iron mine getting ore for the smelter at Everett.

KAMLOOPS.

Work on the Delaney section is going on steadily, and the owners have every hope of it turning out a mine. The ore is improving as depth increases.

ASHCROFT.

The B. C. "Mining Journal" declares that it has learned, from apparently good authority, that the survey for the Ashcroft-Quesnelle Railway will be begun in February. The work must be begun soon in any event, as otherwise, on April 12th, or thereabouts, the charter which the company has purchased and which carries with it a land grant of 20,000 acres of land per mile for a broad gauge, and 10,000 acres per mile for a narrow gauge will expire. The company purchased the charter for \$50,000, and paid \$15,000 cash, the balance to be paid in stock.

DOROTHY MORTON.

Two silver-gold bricks were brought down from the "Dorothy Morton," on the 10th February, representing the

second clean up from the stamp mill. The weight given by Mr. Lang is, we understand, about 1,000 oz., or 350 oz. more than the last results.

This makes under the circumstances, a very satisfactory January showing.

They anticipate in the future sending down two bricks per month.

THE AINSWORTH DIVISION.

The shaft on the Arlington, near Erle, is now down 300 feet. A force of 10 men is employed. Nothing but development work is being done. The management is in no hurry to continue shipments, as they are satisfied with the returns received from the four carloads recently shipped to the Le Roi smelter, and wish to have the property well developed before taking out any more.

Seventeen men are employed at development work on the Silver Hill group up Canyon Creek. This property was bonded by a syndicate in the fall of 1897. Shares are now worth 30 cents. The ore showing is from eight to 30 inches high grade galena and grey copper, some of it returning 500 ounces in silver. It is claimed that there are now 1,200 tons of ore on the dump, but no shipments have been made, as the ore would have to be rawhided a distance of nearly 14 miles, and the company expect to see a wagon road built in the spring.

LARDEAU.

A rich strike has been made on the Nellie L., next the I. X. L. group in this camp.

On the Silver Cup three feet of shipping ore that goes \$1,000 to the ton in silver besides the gold value has been encountered. D. G. McNeill, manager of the mine, says there is \$1,000,000 worth of ore in sight.

A 4-ft. vein has been encountered in the Nettle L.

Up to the present the Commonwealth Mining Company has completed about 150 feet of tunnelling on the Ethel, near Trout Lake City.

There are fifteen men employed on development work. The surface showings on this property consisted of grey copper, black sulphurets and galena, giving the extraordinary assay of 3800 oz. in silver to the ton. The upper tunnel, which is 50 feet below the surface, is in ore with excellent showings, the character of the ore being the same as on the surface. The lower tunnel is being run at 200 feet below the surface to tap the ore chute.

SLOCAN.

Slocan, B. C., mining men are talking of building a long-distance tunnel from a point near Sandon through Noble Five Mountain to McGuin Creek on the opposite side of the range. The tunnel, when completed, will be 10,000 feet in length, and a maximum depth of 4,000 feet would be thus gained. Among the ledges that would be tapped at that depth are some of the richest mines in the camp.

The ore shipments from the McGuin-an mines in 1898 amounted to 834 tons. Of this the Rambler-Cariboo shipped 468 tons; Antoine, 375; Dardanelles, 129; Silver Bell, 61.

The Payne, that has always possessed valuable ore bodies, reports a big strike in the lower tunnel that is said to be equal to any body before found in that property. This property is reported to be the largest dividend payer in British Columbia, having paid some \$125,000 monthly to the fortunate owners.

A telegram from Manager Trethewey, of the Dardanelles mine, announces that a large body of high grade ore has been struck between the seventh and eighth levels. The vein is 20 inches wide. The lowest assay was 160 ounces silver, and the highest 360 ounces. The average assay was 240 ounces silver, with 57 per cent. lead. This strike, added to the other that have been recently made, will have a tendency to give the stock of this company a new upward impetus. The price has now been steadily advancing for some time.

THE SWANSEA SOLD.

The Darby Mining Company has purchased the famous Swansea property in East Kootenay. The price is reported to be \$30,000. The Swansea is said to be one of the most promising properties in East Kootenay. The principal values are gold and copper. The largest owners among the vendors was F. J. Mulholland, the Manager of the Deer Park Mining Company. A. S. Goodeve, Mayor of Rossland, is the President of the Darby Company, and F. M. McLeod and Charles Parker are the representatives of the Scotch syndicate which holds the bulk of the stock in the Darby Company. The treasury share of the Darby Company have all been disposed of in Scotland. The intention is to apply the funds so derived to the work of developing the Swansea. Work will be commenced just as soon as conditions are favorable.

HALL MINES STOCK GOES UP.

For the past few weeks the holder of the Hall Mines shares have had the gratification of seeing Hall Mines climbing up. Yesterday the stock was quoted at 17s. 6d., or just 60 cents below par. There does not appear to have been any general reason for the advance of the past few weeks, unless it is that the public opinion began to realise that the stock was being unduly beared. The par value of Hall Mines stock is 20s., but after the disappointing statement issued at the last general meeting, the stock kept falling, until 6s. 3d. was reached. The financial papers, in commenting on this drop, generally agreed that the shares were worth more than they were quoted at, and that they would be a good buy at anything under 10s. As a result, the shares commenced to find favor in the market, and kept climbing up from 6s. 3d. until they reached 17s. on January 13th. A week later they advanced another 6d. This was the top notch in the recent advance, and they have since eased off a little. Notwithstanding that the fluctuation of the past few weeks made it possible for investors in Hall Mines stock to more than double their money, there was very little speculation indulged locally.