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FROM OTHER CAMPS

Reported New Smelter in the Kamloops District.

ENCOURAGING SLOCAN NEWS

Activity on Haskins Creek in the Lardeau—The St. Eugene Concentrators—Strike on the Mother Lode—Boundary Creek and Other Districts.

While during the past week there is nothing of any particular moment to record from either the Boundary or from East Kootenay, two places from which, as a rule, come reports of unlimited activity, there is on the other hand important news from the other sections. From Kamloops comes the report of a new smelter of the district, which is shortly to be blown in and, it is claimed, will enable that district to compete, in after years, with Rossland itself. There is little doubt that the advent of a smelter in that neighborhood, where there is known to be considerable quantities of flux, will do much towards bringing the district into prominence.

On Haskins creek an around Camborne generally there seems to be much activity at present. The extraction of ore from the Trinne seems to be phenomenal in its difficulty, and the Lardeau people are the more proud of the energy which has brought this mine to the shipping stage without the aid of capital.

Similarly from East Kootenay the concentrator at the St. Eugene, which is claimed by the residents of that district as the largest in the Kootenays, seems to have made that region not a little pleased with the progress they have made. Considering that a short three years ago the country was practically unknown even to the adventurous and hardy prospector, there is much truth in the statements which the Moyie folks are making about themselves.

From the Slocan there is more than usual budget of news. Not only are the shipments picking up rapidly, but the whole country seems to have taken a new lease of life since the close down of the agitation. The mines are developing well, and the finds and strikes made are as if the country was but barely known.

From the Similkameen there is little of particular moment. The Dominion Consolidated of Fairview is apparently doing well.

KAMLOOPS.

Prospects of a Smelter Being Put in the Lillooet District.

The Lillooet district will be heard from in a mining way before many months are past. One hundred-dollar rock such as is being crushed by the arrastra on Bridge river is bound to bring capital to the country despite unfavorable reports about the district owing to the unfortunate Golden Cache fiasco. The mill at the Anderson Lake mines will soon be started and running regularly. At the Ample mines the mill is reported as having been successfully started.

Prospects of a great change in the mining situation at Kamloops are apparent, representatives of two large companies are looking over the mineral claims with the view of forming an estimate of the steady output of ore that could be guaranteed, with the object of building a smelter.

The mines that can at once commence shipping ore that carries pay values are the following: Chief, Copper King, Delaney, Erin, Iron Mask, Hill Top, Laura, Lucky Strike, Kimberley, Navy Group, Tenderfoot, Truth, Pothook and Python. All the above mentioned can turn out ore which will pay handsome returns at the smelter rate enjoyed by the Rossland and Boundary mines, and all the above mines have good continuous ore bodies to the depth already reached, which is in every case as much as 50 feet, in several cases 100 feet, and in the Pothook over 300 feet.

THE LARDEAU.

Work on the Trinne—Activity on Haskins Creek.

C. Caesar is busy putting in his flume on the Ophir claim. Several men are at work on the Pedro group on Canyon creek. Jack Hady is doing work on the Cranky Jack group located in Johnson's basin. It is the intention of the Abrahamson Bros. to commence shipping ore from the American shortly. On the Consolation, Perry Leake is running short prospecting drills and is taking out gold. On the Revelstoke claim, Smith creek, John Sanderson has started working on the ground where Andy Parks took out gold last fall. Things are looking A 1 on the Old Gold. Supt. Westfall left for the scene on Monday. Miners are hard at work 24 hours a day—three shifts—in the Old Gold camp. A monster galena showing has been stripped by James Comerford on the Mountain View and Blue Jay, at the head of McDonald creek.

Messrs. Lindgren, Lay, J. Nelson, Dandell, M. Nelson, Carlson, and Joyce, owners of the Bonanza group, located near the American on Haskins creek, intend driving a 100-foot tunnel on the property, commencing immediately. Messrs. Evans and Wisener represent the Sundown, (a property adjoining the Double Eagle company's Trilby group) in which they hold an interest with the

company. They exposed 12 inches of clean ore, and have carbonates.

Messrs. Nelson and Higginson brought in some fine specimens of the Randolph ore on Tuesday week. This property is located on Bunker Hill creek and has two leads crossing it, the larger of which contains two feet of solid ore and the smaller seven inches.

There is a reported deal for the Fine Pressure on Great Northern Hill, just back of Ferguson. The old Lower Mining company, under new management, is the likely purchaser. A representative is now sizing the proposition up. If the deal goes through 20 or 30 men will be put to work at once.

Supt. Shannon was up at the Rob Roy last week, and reports progress being made by Contractor Bigler. The tunnel on the lead in the upper workings is in ore, and several tons of fine looking galena is now piled on the dump, average samples of which Mr. Shannon has forwarded to A. E. Welch, managing director, London, Ont.

A couple of properties known as the Seely and Porcupine, on which good surface showings were known to exist, and which through the death of one and removal of the other located to Colorado, became lost for three years to the division, were discovered and relocated by Joe Murray and his partner a few days ago.

Arthur Evans and Lorenzo Wisener returned from the Fish River camp on Sunday, where they have just finished assessment work on their properties, the Revenging and Chamberlain, located at the head of Sable creek, some seven miles from Camborne. A 10-foot open cut on the Revenging and a 12-foot on the Chamberlain has exposed a large body of clean bluish ore in both cases.

Messrs. Hayes and Schonberg have a very fine showing of the Maid of Erin group, where they have been working for a couple of months past. They have driven a tunnel across the vein and where it was cut there appears a streak of eight inches of fine galena ore. The lead is about eight feet in thickness and contains two streaks of ore averaging eight inches in thickness, one in the center of the vein and the other on the hanging wall.

An examination of the ore in the breast of the tunnel of the Trinne disclosed the fact that the paystreak was about 18 inches in width, composed of 12 inches of solid galena, the balance carbonates streaked with black sulphurets and immensely rich. The ore body throughout will average \$300 to the ton in value. A considerable portion of the shipment now being put out runs \$408 without the lead. The tunnel, which was in about 600 feet, is a crosscut, the ore being encountered at 56 feet.

The work now being done on the Rusty, Silverton Boy and Extenuate is showing up these properties remarkably well. Tuesday last Messrs. Snyder and Gillette came in from the claims and reported that they have ore showing up in four different places. At one point on the Silverton Boy the lead shows up 10 feet in width, of which two feet is clean and the balance concentrating ore. On the Rusty, adjoining the Silverton Boy, the lead has been in a lead eight feet wide, and at a lower showing four streaks of ore averaging eight feet in thickness, with a single layer, one foot of quartz and galena. On the Extenuate a lead of solid iron has been stripped, averaging about two feet in width. This is being tested for gold. The product of the vein on the Rusty and Silverton Boy gives returns of \$82 in all values. These claims are located on Haskins creek below the American.

EAST KOOTENAY.

St. Eugene Concentrator—The Big Chief and Others.

There is a reported new strike on the Star group of mines at the head of Quartz creek.

Work is being steadily pushed on the Dupont, and the showing which is being made is most encouraging.

On the north side of St. Mary's lake Curran has finished doing some development work on the Banff group.

The capacity of the St. Eugene concentrator is double that of any other concentrator in British Columbia. Four hundred tons of ore is concentrated daily. Reports from the claims of McBain & Bishop are still encouraging. Word has just been received that the shaft is now down 30 feet and still in ore.

The work which is being done on Skookum creek has developed some large bodies of copper ore. It is said that there are no better showings in the district.

Considerable work is being done on the many claims on Lake creek this year, and so far as can be learned the development has given most encouraging results. The contract on the Big Chief has been completed. It is now probable that another contract may shortly be let, and the further development of the mine continued.

It is reported that a new strike has been made on the Moyie and Lake Shore claim. The new strike is at a point between the north and south veins, and there is 10 feet of clean ore in the new ledge.

Fred Hazen and Bob Devar have just returned from working on the Hard Scrabble claim on Alki creek, St. Mary's lake. A shaft was sunk 20 feet and a crosscut commenced at the bottom and run for seven feet. The lead is a strong one, about 10 feet wide, lying in one of the diorite belts characteristic of that country. The trend of the vein is north-west and southwest. The ore is a quartz, carrying copper pyrites, pyrrhotite, and in some places galena.

THE SLOCAN.

The Shipments for July—General Activity.

The Silver Queen company is being reorganized. The Golden Hope is being surveyed for a crown grant. The Whitewater shipped over 1,100 tons during July. Work was resumed on the long tunnel of the Bousin this week. In the upraise on the Cornish a strike of two feet of clean ore is reported.

It is reported that a concentrator will be built at the Enterprise, on Ten-Mile creek.

More locations are being made on Glacier creek, opposite New Denver, this season.

The Lorpa Doone, near the Vancouver, will have considerable work done upon it this year.

Fifteen inches of rich galena has come into the surface workings on the Mountain Con.

Assessment work on the Silver Nugget, Eight-Mile, has exposed eight inches of galena.

Strikes are reported from the Bismarck, Cork and Granite, on the south fork of Kaslo creek.

If sufficient ore can be blocked out at the Jeanette, on Wilson creek, a mill will be put in to concentrate it.

The Warner-Miller Syndicate are negotiating for the Neepawa, owned by Ed. Shannon and Angus McGillivray. James Ashton of Tacoma has the Red Mountain ready for a crown grant. A trail has been cut from McDonald creek. Eight men are working on the Chieftain, a property in which Pat Burns is largely interested.

The Hercules is the latest mining company in Kaslo. The company is working a property in the Box basin.

The Vulture, after a year's steady development, has commenced to ship, a carload being packed down the hill last week. The Northwest Mining Syndicate is doing the assessment work on 17 claims owned by it up Four-Mile creek.

The Washington, one of the earliest Slocan producers, may again be worked. The ship was sent down to the wharf about \$300,000 worth of ore.

A trial shipment will be made from the Halstrom. It is owned by Thomas Mathieson of Vancouver and Taylor and Jamieson of Nakusp.

The ore shoot on the Ruby is steadily improving as work progresses. The ore has been driven 15 feet alongside the vein, and at the face the shoot is now 10 inches wide at the base. The ore is of a better grade than any yet encountered, being massed with grey copper, and carrying blue and green oxides.

The strike reported last week on the Eclipse has proven better than the owners first anticipated. The shoot has widened to two feet and is composed of red carbonates, kidney-shaped galena, and very high grade grey copper ore.

Also showing in the face of the tunnel driven on the dry ore ledge on the same property. A little over 1,000 tons of ore were brought to Kaslo over the K. & S. railway during July. The total up to July 25 was 1,135 tons. From that date to July 31st 480 tons were shipped, as follows:

Whitewater to Kootenay Ore Co.	234,000
Just Chance to Kaslo Ore Co.	74,000
Rambler to Everett	44,000
Payne to Everett & San Francisco	524,000
Soho to Everett	44,000
Vulture to Kootenay Ore Co.	41,000
Total for last six days	961,000

Good fortune never comes alone. Another good strike of ore has been made on the Bismarck, on the south fork of Kaslo river, being three in as many weeks. Charles Sampson, the foreman and part proprietor of the mine, came down from the South Fork Monday night and says that in a couple of days he has opened up six inches of steel galena and carbonates. This makes the vein 60 feet across, and it is claimed that there are few showings in the whole country which can beat it. Between one and two tons of ore are being taken out daily, but work is not to be pushed until Sampson thoroughly opens up the ground. He is now making an exhaustive examination of the same.

101 tons; C. M. Wilson, 7 tons; Vulture, 12-1/2 tons; total, 1,610 1/2 tons. Whitewater, 505 tons; Hillside, 21-1/2 tons; McGuigan-Rambler, 85 tons; Soho, 22 tons; Alamo-Idaho, 497 tons; Queen Bess, 108 tons; total, 2,777 tons.

THE BOUNDARY.

Report on Golden Eagle—The B. C. and Others.

On the Saloon there is a 10-foot shaft all in ore. The ledge is about 14 feet in width.

Mulligan and Connors have completed the 50-foot shaft on the Silver Plume.

Bob Murray came in from Kimberley camp on Wednesday week, where he has been doing assessment work on the Atlantic.

The B. C. mine is now shipping about 100 tons of ore a day. On the 250-foot ledge there is a ledge 60 feet wide of shipping ore, running high in copper values.

Between the Ontario and Josie lie the Duplicate and Triplicate (fractional), two other properties belonging to Mr. Shaw, and on which considerable work has been done.

The Ontario lies between and joins the B. C., K. Bell and Cardiff. About \$1,000 has been spent in developing this property by open crosscuts, with a view to determining the ore body.

On the Rambler group Superintendent Davis is pushing work. The crosscut from the 112-foot level is in well mineralized rock. On this property there is one of the largest iron cappings in the Boundary country.

The Greyhound shaft is down 110 feet and the mineral is constantly getting better. This property bids fair to eventually become one of the big mines of the Boundary. The lead is a good one and the average of values is high.

On the Strawberry, about three miles from Eholt, a rich strike has been made the past week. The shaft is down 125 feet, and a crosscut from this level is a very rich body of copper ore. At the 65-foot level this ledge was crossed for a distance of 28 feet.

For several days work has been progressing on the raise from the east drift on the 100-foot level in the War Eagle.

At present the miners are up about 20 feet in the raise, and the character of the rock indicates the proximity of mineral, which will doubtless be reached in a short time.

On the Lone King, about two miles from Eholt, Hall and Richardson are running a tunnel to crosscut the lead. The tunnel is now in 105 feet in well mineralized rock. It is expected the lead will be encountered in another 20 feet. This will give them a depth of about 100 feet.

On the Mountain View, owned by the Mountain View Copper Company, a shaft has been sunk 45 feet, from which a crosscut is being run towards the ore body. A tunnel has also been run on the lead 60 feet. The ledge is the same as that on the Blue Bell and is between nine and ten feet in width.

A property next in importance to the B. C. in the matter of development is the Oro Denoro. This property is not being worked at present, but it is believed that development will again be resumed in a short time and regular shipments made. The ore body in the upper tunnel of the Oro Denoro is 62 feet wide, and gives them a depth of values. It is owned by the company, the principal stockholders of which reside in Rossland.

At the Mother Lode Mine in Deadwood camp a crosscut at the 300-foot level is reported to have run into what appears to be a big body of copper ore. The crosscut is now in ore between four and five feet. The ore is chalcopryite, in a gangue of magnetic iron ore. It differs in general appearance from that met with above in the 200-foot level, where crosscuts have already proved the ore chute to be about 90 feet in width and to extend quite 350 feet, with indications that further crosscutting will show its length to be greater.

THE SIMLKAMEEN.

The Dominion Consolidated—Fairview Corporation, Etc.

The Bate boys are jubilant over the Nugget property, and development work goes on unabated.

The Ontario and Brunswick, two new claims on Roche river, have good showings and are owned by Messrs. Powells, Lougheed and Stewart.

At Ollala the Kereemos Mining Syndicate are making development steadily. Supt. McDougall has left for the Pacific coast, and it is reported will arrange for a compressor plant well away.

The Vermilion Forks M. & D. Co. recorded assessment work on the Iron Mask, Home Rule, Jubilee and Vancouver claims the past week, and it is the intention of the company to follow this up with vigorous development work.

A transaction was made the past week whereby another Rossland party acquires a holding in Similkameen mining property, H. Klockman purchasing a one-fourth interest in the International, Nancy Hanks, Constitutional and Gold Hill claims.

On Sterling creek Messrs. Neil, Weisel, Pollock, Smith and Hackney have first class locations. Assays from some of their properties run over \$200 in gold. The rock on Sterling creek closely resembles that found on the Nickle Plate mines.

Two more shafts have been put to work on the Dominion Consolidated Mining company's properties. The men are now engaged in crosscutting from the tunnel to the main ledge. Several bodies of high grade ore have been encountered in the tunnel, which will considerably increase the average value of the ore.

A late cablegram from London to Mr. R. Russell, managing director of the Fairview corporation, announces that arrangements are almost completed for the sale of the properties. Mr. Russell expects to receive word any day now concerning the transfer. As soon as it is completed work will be started on a large scale, a 60-ton mill will be installed and the 150,000 tons of Stewindler ore already blocked out will be run through at once.

KNOCKED HIM OUT

Rod Tolmie Forcibly Objects to Mayor Houston's Outspokenness—Blood was Drawn.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—In his first speech on the floor of the House, John Houston, member for Nelson, declared himself a supporter of the government, and proceeded to make things up generally. All the cabinet except Hon. James Dunsmuir, the Premier, came in for general reflections in which the Esquimalt and Westminster members were dubbed muckbacks.

After the rising of the House Houston proceeded to town, and meeting Mr. Rod Tolmie credited him with canine decency, adding: "We'll fix you when you come back to Kootenay." Rod replied "I'll fix you now," and proceeded to pommel him. A punch on the jaw knocked him out. It appeared some minutes elapsed before consciousness returned to the member from Nelson who was carried off in a hack spitting blood and is said to have been seriously hurt. The days' work of the legislature was merely routine.

IN THE RAILWAY COMMITTEE.

Amendment to Exclude Orientals From Employment on the Roads.

Victoria, Aug. 6.—In the railway committee of the 3d of August, 1900, an amendment to the bill incorporating the Vancouver and New Westminster Railway was moved by Mr. McPharlin.

This amendment provided that no person should be employed in the operation or construction of the railway who could not read the Act of Incorporation in a European language or whose name was not on the register of voters or unless he was a Caucasian or Indian.

This amendment was, of course, intended primarily to exclude Chinese and Japanese from employment on the railway. The amendment was strongly opposed by Mr. McPhillips, of Victoria, and others.

After a long discussion a vote was taken and the amendment was declared carried on the following division:

For—Messrs. Brown, Curtis, Gilmore, Kidd, Martin, McInnes, Oliver, Smith and Staples, 9.

Against—Messrs. Fulton, Garden, Hunter, McPhillips, Mounce, Murphy, 7. The opposition voted solidly for the exclusion of Chinese and Japanese, and every supporter of the government on the committee voted in favor of these people.

LOSES CONTROL.

Opposition Introduce a Natal Act Clause Into a Railway Bill.

Victoria, Aug. 3.—(Special.)—The government today lost control of the railway committee when the Opposition incorporated a clause in the Vancouver and Westminster Railway Company Act prohibiting the employment of Asiatics on the enterprise by means of a reading on the Natal Act. The government's policy is to deal with this burning question in a general act and not by separate clauses, that having previously led to disallowance and attacked the fotation of projects.

The committee stage of the liquor license bill occupied the bulk of the sitting. Clifford was added to the railway committee.

WATER AND LIGHT.

Sale of Water and Light Plants to Rossland City Bill.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—The Vancouver opponents of the West-ern Telegraph and Telephone bill continued the contest on committee strenuously to-day but Ronald reports favorable progress.

A bill empowering the sale of the water and electric light plant to Rossland City, was also introduced by Wells and read the first time.

PAUPER IMMIGRATION.

An Order in Council Dealing Drastically With the Matter.

Ottawa, Aug. 3.—(Special.)—An order in council has been passed prohibiting the landing of pauper or destitute immigrants at any port in Canada until such sums of money as are found necessary are provided and paid into the hands of the Canadian immigration agent having jurisdiction at the port of landing by the master of the vessel carrying the said immigrants or their temporary support and transportation to their place of destination.

TUPPER'S WITNESSES.

Woodworth Arrested for Forgery—The Record of the Others.

Ottawa, Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Information has been received here that C. M. Woodworth, lawyer at Dawson, has been arrested for fraud and forgery. He was one of those parties who was supplying information to Sir Hibbert Tupper to base his charges on. The other two were Eugene Allan and Simple c, the Klondike Nugget. Allen, who skipped the country, is a defaulter, and Simple is a fugitive from justice.

WILL VISIT ROSSLAND.

Spokane Chamber of Commerce Will Visit This City on August 21st.

Spokane, Aug. 3.—(Special.)—The second big excursion of the Spokane chamber of commerce will visit Rossland on the 21st instant on a two days' trip. It is the intention to make the trip one way by daylight. Round trip tickets \$8.50. Fully 400 business men and their wives will go north.

MINES AND MINING

A Fifteen Drill Compressor Ordered for the Velvet.

A Sawmill Purchased Which Will Saw Lumber for the Compressor and Other Buildings for the Velvet, Etc.—The Spitzee Looking Well. Other Notes.

TOO MUCH WATER IN THE SHAFT

A few days since Manager Morrish of the Velvet, began to make preparations for continuing the shaft from the 300 to the 400-foot level. The water, however, ran in so fast that he was compelled for the time being to cease operations on the extension of the shaft. It ran in at the rate of over 80 gallons to the minute. Work was then resumed on the main adit in order to tap the workings at depth and in this way secure an outlet for the water. The main adit is in for a distance of 450 feet and should soon strike the ledge. On the 300-foot level the north drift has been driven along the ledge for a distance of 207 feet and was south drift for 90 feet. An upraise has been made from the 300 to the 200-foot level.

It is reported that the road from Northport to the Velvet will be finished in about five weeks. In the meanwhile a 15-drill compressor has been ordered in England and will probably be here by the time the road is in condition to haul it over. A compressor will be driven by steam power. The Velvet company yesterday purchased through the Jencks Machine agency in this city a sawmill with a capacity of 10,000 feet per day. The sawmill will be placed in position on the property of the company and will be used to saw the lumber for the compressor plant and such other buildings as may be used on the properties of the Velvet and the Portland.

On the Portland work on the tunnel continues. The tunnel is in for a distance of 700 feet. Drifting on a seam of ore continues. A new shaft has been started and has reached a depth of 15 feet.

May Resume Work.

A representative of the Nest Egg and Firefly company has been in the city for the past few days, and examinations have been made with a view to resumption of work on its properties. The properties consist of the Nest Egg and the Firefly, quarter miles southeast of this city. The development on the Nest Egg consists of a shaft 60 feet deep with drifts of 50 feet. On the Firefly there are two shafts of 30 feet each and some open cuts. The property has not been working since the fall of 1897.

Operated by a Scotch Company.

Mr. MacGillivray of Toronto, one of the directors of the Canada Mutual Mining & Development company, that owns the Little Giant group of claims on Lookout mountain, which has been bonded to a Glasgow syndicate, visited last Saturday the work now being done by the Scotch company. He expresses himself greatly pleased with the thorough way in which the work is being done by Mr. Brazil, superintendent, and the seven men working with him. He thinks the indications very promising. Mr. MacGillivray was satisfied with the result of his visit.—Trail Creek News.

Work on the Spitzee.

On the Spitzee work continues upon the open cut made by the railway. The values continue about the same as heretofore, from \$14 to \$18 per ton. The ledge is becoming solid and is now about four and a half feet wide. So far about 15 tons of ore is piled upon the dump. The intention is to make a shipment to the Northport smelter in a few days.

GALLANT CONDUCT

Canadians Recommended to The General, Lord Roberts, for Gallantry in the Field.

Ottawa, Aug. 7.—(Special.)—A report from Col. Otter says that on June 8 the parade state of his battalion was as follows: Effective, 434; sick and resting in camp 542; command, 36.

Lieut. Col. Lessard reports that two of his battalion, Private Hopkins and Private Pearce, were given each 10 years' penal servitude for collecting arms from burghers without authority and selling them back to the enemy. Both these men were members of a squadron Royal Canadian Dragoons before enlisting in the mounted rifles. "I have no excuse," he says, "to offer for their rash act except that I think they were led astray by another man who styled himself Sergeant Jones, of the French scouts."

General Hutton also reports an engagement in which Lieut. Col. Evans and Western men, principally from Fincher creek, were engaged. The following names were forwarded to the Field Marshall for gallant conduct: Lieut. H. A. Davidson, Sergeant Northwest Mounted, and Lieut. W. English, Corporal Fred Mordien, Lance Corporal T. Mills, Private Kerr and Pete Miller.

Mrs. Cummings in Town.

Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, of the Toronto Globe, and her daughter, Miss May Cummings, were in the city yesterday on their way back east from Victoria, where they had been in attendance on the Woman's Council. During the few hours they were in the city they visited the mines on Red mountain and were shown over the underground workings of the Le Roi by Mr. Thompson. They took the 3 o'clock train for Nelson and will return via the Crow's Nest Pass Railway.