ROSSLAND WEEKLY MINER.

Two Dollars a Year. ROSSLAND, B. C., THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 1898. Fourth Year, Number 23.

MINES AND MINING

Another Promising Sophie Group Is in Good Hands.

THERE ARE FOUR CLAIMS

The Wallaroo Group, Adjoining the Dewdney Trail, to Be Crown Granted at Once—Owned by a Strong Toronto Company.

That favored section of Trail Creek district, known as Sophie mountain, still keeps its position as the leading camp in the near vicinity of Rossland. A vast amount of development work is being carried out just now and every claim within a radius of several miles is being actively worked by the owners, as none of them would for a moment dream of letting a claim on Sophie run out. In the words of a prominent mining man, who is largely interested in some of the best properties there: "Hold on to every foot of ground on Sophie mountain, as it is only a matter of a year or two that mine property there will be quite as valuable as it is on Red mountain now."

The recent rich strikes on the Velvet and Triumph go far to support this opinion. Large ore bodies have been discovered in the 100-foot and 165-foot levels on the former property, and splendid shipping ore is being piled up on the dump for rawhiding through the winter. This ore assays $34 in gold and over 20 per cent copper. On the east vein of the Triumph a new shaft was started a short time ago, and at 10 feet depth a large body of $40 ore was met with. This shaft is being sunk to 100 feet, and is all in ore at the present time.

J. A. Kirk, P. L. S., returned Saturday night from surveying three claims of the Wallaroo group, on the north slope of Sophie mountain, for which properties a crown grant will be at once applied for. The Wallaroo group consists of five claims—the Wallaroo, Carn Brea, New Orleans, Gilbert & Bendigo. The first two have been purchased and the last two bonded by a Toronto syndicate, and a company has been incorporated under the title of the Wallaroo Gold Mining company. The company is on a sound financial footing in Toronto and the stock has been largely taken up already. The energetic secretary-treasurer is E. G. Parker, who has resigned the treasurership of the Dundee mining company to take up the work of the Wallaroo company. The company's engineer is Charles Parker, who has given the property a thorough examination. A cash payment has been made on the claims purchased, and the balance will be paid in 90 days, the other two claims being bonded for six months. Active work will be commenced in a few days and the present intention of the company is to work on the Wallaroo until the pay ore is reached. It is probable that work on the group will be continued all winter.

The Pug to Be Sold.

The sale of the Pug, near Waneta, will take place today to satisfy judgments secured against the company which formerly operated it. The Pug was at one time considered one of the most promising properties in that part of the country and has an interesting showing. The surface is traversed by two good ledges, and development has been carried on by means of a tunnel which is in 250 feet. The tunnel, however, never gave the results that were expected as, so some of the shareholders say, it was run along between the two ledges, and consequently had no chance to open them properly. Nevertheless, some excellent stringers were met, from which assays as high as $17 were obtained. Mining men who are familiar with the property say that crosscuts from the main tunnel to open either of the two leads should show highly satisfactory results. The company was mismanaged, and the property was finally seized and ordered sold to satisfy judgments.

The Okanogan Country.

Thomas Anderson, bookkeeper for the Iron Colt Mining company, has returned from a three weeks' visit to the Okanogan country. While there he visited Peachland and Glen Robinson. The former, though only a few months old, is a picturesque and busy little town on the west shore of the lake, while Glen Robinson is a mining camp some ten miles inland and to the west from Peachland. The Canadian American Mining company of this city has a number of claims in the vicinity of Glen Robinson, and two of them which have been developed the most give promise of becoming mines. A short distance from where the Canadian American company has its properties some Spokane parties have some claims from which they are getting assays of $24.80 on and near the surface. Glen Robinson, he says, promises to be quite a mining camp. There is an excellent mining country in that vicinity, but what it needs is capital to bring out its latent resources.

Slocan is Doing Well.

F. M. McLeod, barrister, is back from a trip through the Slocan, where he was looking after his mining interests. Mr. McLeod says that the same good feeling which is so noticeable a feature in this camp is also to be observed in the up country camps, and there is no little activity all through that region. The Payne, he says, is now shipping 50 tons of ore per day, which is equal to a gross monthly output of $90,000. The Last Chance is finding new bodies of good ore, while on the Sovereign four feet of solid ore has been encountered. The Bosun, about a mile and a half north of New Denver, has three feet of ore assaying 150 ounces in silver, while the Molly Hughes is also looking well. The Idaho, which has paid from the grass roots, and has earned $260,000 for its fortunate owners, is maintaining the present prestige, while the Rico, the Noble Five and the Enterprise continue to look exceedingly well.

ROYAL FIVE MINING COMPANY.

Important Additions to the Properties of the Company.

Very important additions to the properties of the Royal Five Gold Mining company are about to be made by the accession of a group of four very valuable claims in the Trout Lake Mining division, known as the silver Bell, Ohio Boy, You Bet and Wild Cat. These claims are situated on Tenderfoot creek, about three miles south of Trout Lake, and adjoin the celebrated Tullies group. On the latter group there are over 500 tons of shippable ore, which has been taken out during the process of development. Assays from the extension of the vein which runs through the Wild Cat claim give gold, $28.80; silver, $197.98; copper, $10.48; lead, $40.50; total, $276.96 per ton. These claims give great promise of developing into very valuable properties. The Lardeau and Trout Lake Mining divisions are rapidly developing into what is known as a promising mining country. Like the Slocan district, these districts seem to contain a number of grass-root mines. The foregoing properties are held by a trustee on behalf of the Royal Five company pending the pooling of all shares outstanding, which is one of the conditions governing the transfer to the company.

Santa Rosa Development.

On the Santa Rosa, on Santa Rosa mountain, just opposite the Velvet, the long tunnel has encountered what is believed to be the lead towards which it was being drived. The tunnel thus far has exposed three feet of very good looking ore, and no wall is yet in sight.

H. Leukman, who is superintending the development of the property, has some excellent samples of ore which were taken from the recent find. In its general character the rock strongly resembles the product of the War Eagle, and seems to contain a large percentage of iron.

The ledge has been met in the 335-foot station in the tunnel. It has seemingly been encountered from the footwall side for while the roof of the tunnel has been in ore for over three feet yet the mineral is dipping sharply away, and the floor of the workings has not yet come into mineral. As yet the width of the vein can only be conjectured. On the surface there are four big free milling ledges, and all of them will be crossed by a continuation of the present tunnel which is of the crosscut variety. The ore with depth evidently changes in character from a free milling to a refractory rock, as the ledge which has just been encountered is decidedly a pyritic ore.

Work on the Maude S

C. B. Ettner, who has been at work on the Maude S., the well known free milling proposition near Waterloo, is in the city. Mr. Ettner says that the drift on the vein has been driven about 70 feet and the showing is very good. The ledge continues free milling, although it was expected that with depth it might prove base. On the dump there are about 150 tons of ore which Mr. Ettner says ought to yield $15 to the ton or better. There is not much work going on around the Waterloo camp just now as the Horne-Payne fiasco has hurt the district not a little, but nevertheless some of the prospectors are carrying on development on as extensive a scale as their means will permit. The owners of the Maud S., Mr. Ettner says, are now making arrangements to put in a small mill, as they have between 2,500 and 3,000 tons of ore actually in sight.

The Keystone Group.

The Keystone group on Dominion mountain, in the north end of the Trail Creek district, is generally considered to be one of the most promising properties in the country. The surface showing is unusually large and very gratifying results have been gotten for the amount of work that has been done. The ore is the same character as that of Red mountain, and in the tunnel that is now being driven on a cross vein, which will tap the main vein at a depth of about 600 feet, the values have gradually increased from a trace up to $12 in gold with a fair percentage of copper. The development of this property is being watched with a great deal of interest, as it is confidently expected to make in time one of the big mines of the country.

Inspected the Columbia-Kootenay.

Edwin Durant, manager of the British America corporation, and W. A. Carlyle, the chief engineer of the company, escorted a party of eastern friends through the Columbia & Kootenay Monday morning. The party, besides Messrs. Durant and Carlyle, included D. Coulson, the manager of the Bank of Toronto, W. B. Smith, the manager of the Bank of Ontario, F. L. Coulson of Toronto, Dr. Marcus Johnson of London, and G. M. King of this city. The visitors were much pleased with the property, and made an extensive tour through its various workings.

Good Hope to Be Sold.

A meeting of the shareholders of the Good Hope company has been called for Friday, September 9, to consider the sale of the company's assets, which comprise the Good Hope claim on the north slope of Red mountain near the Good Friday. The officers of the company will make no announcement regarding who the prospective buyer is, nor what the price offered will be.

Ore From the Friday.

Some excellent copper ore from the Friday group of claims on the north fork of Sheep creek, is on view in the window of THE MINER office. The property is owned by L. G. Barron and Robert Bond of this city, and work is going actively ahead.

J. W. Westfall, who was looking after the development of the Old Gold and the Primrose companies' properties in the Lardeau, is back from that country, bringing with him some excellent specimens of rock from the claims which he has been working.

ALL SORTS OF NEWS

A Liberal Conservative Association Formed at Nelson.

THREE YEARS IN PRISON

David Benson Sent Up For Attempting to Wreck a Train—Alleged Murderer Arrested at Kuskonook—The Bottom Falls Out of Wardner—Etc.

Mackenzie & Mann have stopped work on the survey of the V. V. & E. railway.

The provincial assessor should make some enquiries into the details of the recent sale of the Nelson and Fort Sheppard railway, says the Nelson Tribune. If as stated the lands have been sold in connection with the railway, it is just probable that the extensive grant which the N. & F. S. railway company received from the government is subject to taxation. Should the lands granted to the company be subject to taxation a more liberal land policy would result.

At the conclusion of the address of Hon. George E. Foster on Saturday evening last at Nelson the chairman invited all those interested in the formation of a Liberal Conservation association to remain. A meeting was afterwards held at which John Elliott presided and Fred. Starkey acted as secretary. About 40 Conservatives were present and it was decided to form an association. A committee consisting of W. A. Macdonald, Q. C., A. S. Gamble, George McFarland, H. R. Cameron, John A. Kirkpatrick, T. G. Proctor, the chairman and secretary was appointed to arrange for a future meeting for organization and election of officers to be held in a couple of weeks.

Arrangements are being made for the celebration of Labor day, Sept. 5, by the working men of Nelson. The celebration will likely take the form of a procession followed by games on the recreation grounds.

"Three years in the pentitentary," said Judge Forin on Thursday last at Revelstoke, concluding his remarks to David Benson, who stood before him charged with having placed obstructions dangerous to life and property on the C. P. R. line. "I can't come to any other conclusion but to judge you guilty," said the judge, and then followed the above sentence and the prisoner holding up his hands for the bracelets was lead away to begin the awful three years which stretched out before him barren of hope or blessing.

A man named Puerio was murdered and robbered by an Italian named Antoine Brino at Moyie City recently. The alleged murderer was arrested at Kusnonook. A mounted policeman rode up to G. S. Beer, the C. P. R. ticket, at Goat River, and told him that an Italian whose name was supposed to be Antoine Brino, had stoned another Italian, Puerio, to death, and had subsequently robbed his victim of a sum estimated at between $200 or $300. On arriving at Kuskonook, Mr. Beer saw a man answering to the description walking with several other dagos. He immediately informed Constable Wilson, who arrested the man. On searching him, bank deposit slips to the amount of over $200 made out in the murdered man's name were discovered on his person, also several other articles supposed to belong to the deceased. He made a rambling and incoherent statement, denying all knowledge of the affair.

Referring to the new townsite of Elk River, the Fort Steele Prospector says it "is situated on the main line of the Crow's Nest railway, and only about 12 miles from the coal mines. The new town boasts of having the finest water power in East Kootenay and is situated on a high and level plateau overlooking Elk river, from which it takes its name. There are a large number of mines in the vicinity of the new town."

A serious accident occurred on the afternoon of August 5, to a gang of McBurney's Crow's Nest workmen. While workmen were repairing a bridge at the bottom of the loop, the upper timbers gave way, resulting in the instant death of two men and serious injuries to several others.

Wardner seems to have lost bottom in some way, as the International announced in its last issue that it would thereafter suspend publication.

The new Baptist church in Nelson is about completed and will be opened for divine worship on Sunday, August 21, the dedicatory sermon being preached by Rev. R. W. Trotter of Victoria. The new church is an ornament to the city and a credit to the Baptist congregation in Nelson. K. Kribbs was the contractor and J. C. Ewart architect, and the committee are well satisfied with the work of both gentlemen.

J. H. Currie has been appointed postmaster at Trout Lake City. All the steps necessary for the transference were gone through by Mr. Fletcher, who paid the town a visit recently. It has not been decided yet who will have the carrying of the mails between Ferguson and Trout Lake City, as there appears to be some difficulty of arrangement between the department and tenderers as to whether Ferguson is to have a postoffice at all.

Lord Herschell, P. C., G. C. B., who is in Canada to attend the international commission called to settle differences between Canada and the United States, which will meet shortly in Quebec, passed through Revelstoke a few days since in the government car Cumberland. He was accompanied by Hon. R. Herschell, his son, and Mr. Cartwright, his secretary. Lord Herschell spoke pleasantly of his trip to a Mail reporter who called upon him in his private car. It is merely a jaunt for pleasure while waiting for the opening of the commission, of which he is the leading member. They spent a day at Banff and Glacier. On the return journey the party will spend a day at Winnipeg.

W. H. Keary, commissioner for the New Westminster exhibition, was in Nelson last week in the interest of the great show. This year a special feature will be made of a mineral exhibit, and the collection of specimens for the show is the chief object of the commissioner's visit. He says that the aim of the management this year is to have a complete exhibit of the resources of the province. The show will last nine days, and special rates have been secured over the Canadian Pacific road and its branches. Those who contemplate a trip to the coast between the 5th and 13th of October will be able to make the round trip, take in the show and return for less than single fare.

An old timer named Goodfellow, who has been trapping for years on the Columbia, and was well known about Donald and Beaver, was found dead in Frank Berthune's shack at Lake Tinbasket. The body had the appearance of having been dead for several weeks when discovered.

The C. P. R. survey party under the able direction of Mr. Rice, has again returned to the neighborhood of Boundary Creek, as the party is now working to the west and south of Summit camp. It is mooted that in conjunction with the construction of the main line near Summit camp, a branch road will be built which will tap Greenwood and Wellington camps, thereby giving the proprietors of properties in those camps an outlet for their ore.

About a week ago a pet horse belonging to Lamb Bros. got bitten by a rattlesnake, says the Midway Advance. Evidently the horse was feeding as the wound was inflicted on the side of the neck just behind the jaw. For three or four days the animal was in such a state it could not open its mouth, but upon suppurition setting in much relief was found and now the horse is fast recovering.

As soon as the railway furnishes a means of communication between this district and Kootenay and Northwest territory points, a splendid market for fruit will be thrown open, says the Midway Advance. If those engaged in ranching pursuits in this district could only realize this, they would pay more attention to the cultivation of fruit than they do at present. Car loads of fruit is being shipped into the Northwest each year from different parts of the province, and yet there is an ever increasing demand, and as this district will have direct communication with the market, it will enjoy an advantage which it is to be hoped those holding lands in these parts will not allow to slip by them. Hundreds of acres of land in these valleys should be planted to fruit in the near future, and if such is done the remuneration will be a bountiful one to those who will carry it out.

Foley Brothers and Peter Larsen, the railway contractors, were in Bonner's Ferry a few days since looking over the work on the proposed extension of the Great Northern railway from the Ferry to the foot of Kootenay lake. They express themselves as confident that the contract for a portion of the extension will be let before President Hill leaves the west.

It is now nearly four months since A. E. Hodgins was empowered to organize a volunteer company in Nelson. A mess room has been secured, the company roll is full and the men drill regularly and enthusiastically. Everybody in Nelson connected with the South Kootenay Rifles has done his duty, and the remissness of the militia department is consequently the more to be deplored. It was only the other day that the officers' commissions were gazetted, but neither uniforms nor rifles have as yet been supplied.

The men employed on the government work of constructing the Six-mile wagon road in the Nelson divison, have quit the job, and the probabilities are that work will be finished by contract. Up till the time of the trouble with the men the road was being put through with day labor. The men were paid $3 per day and charged $5 per week for board. It was claimed that under this arrangement the work was costing too much and the boarding house was losing money. It was decidnd that the price of board should be raised so that the boarding house should pay its way and the rate was increased from $5 to $7 per week. The increase in the cost of board was resented by the men who claimed that the board supplied was not worth $5 per week and they accordingly quit work. If the work is let by contract it is not likely that the rate of wages will exceed $2.50 per day.

The Canadian Pacific Railway company reports a heavy sale of townsite property in Cranbrook. All the main business street lots have been taken up the demand for lots in other parts of the town is beyond expectaions. During the last two or three weeks the company has sold $20,000 worth of property at Cranbrook. A branch line of railway, 16 miles in length, is being built to the North Star and Sutherland group of mines, which are the principal ore shipping districts. Cranbrook will be the headquarters for the company in East Kootenay. Large quantities of land are being taken up along the line and the townsite sales are numerous.

Dewdney Trail Repaired.

James Schubert, inspector of roads trails for East and South Yale, from Penticton to the Kootenay boundary, is in the city, having come to the eastern limits of his district to repair the Dewdney trail. This work will be undertaken immediately. Mr. Schubert came to British Columbia by the overland route in 1863. As a child two years of age he accompanied his parents and 200 other immigrants from Fort Garry, or Winnipeg as it is now called, traveling across the prairies and through the Yellowhead pass to Kamloops.

The sale of the Pug mineral claim will take place today.

Born—In Rossland, August 17, 1898, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Baillie, a daughter.

The grading of the north side of Columbia avenue between Spokane street and the Rossland club is being rapidly carried forward.

A recent number of the Halifax Daily Echo contains a lengthy interview with Mayor Wallace of Rossland, who is now in the Nova Scotian metropolis.

FROM OTHER CAMPS

Great Development in the Slocan Mines.

THE BOSUN TO SHIP SOON

Gold Finds on Perry Creek in East Kootenay—Active Development of the Mother Lode in Boundary Camp—Tiger Claim Bonded to Rosslanders

Unusual activity is characterizing the development of the Slocan properties. Work is being vigorously pushed all over the district and as was to be expected some very promising finds are the results. The Bosun is attracting considerable attention of late, as the showing on the property is unusually encouraging. Up country papers say that the mine will be a shipper as soon as a short trail can be built to connect the property with the outside world.

In the way of deals and sales the week past has not been devoid of interest, and among the transactions of note is the bonding of the Tiger on Hardy mountain near Grand Forks to Rossland people. The figure is said to be $60,000. Near Fort Steele the Wasa group on the creek of the same name has been bonded to the Hall Mines, limited, for $20,000.

The following summary shows in brief the development that has taken place in the past week among the mining properties throughout the southern portion of the province.

THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

Henry Allis has made a good strike on his claim, the Iron Horse, in Wellington camp adjoining the Rattler, owned by Van Ness. The find was made in rather a peculiar manner, the assessment work having been completed on the property without making much of a showing. As Allis was coming off the claim with his tools; he stopped to rest and while resting discovered the lead which is very similar to that on the Rattler, being free-milling ore on the surface with a peacock copper ore underneath. A big ledge is said to be in sight.

The Tiger claim on Hardy mountain about six miles from Grand Forks, has been bonded for the sum of $60,000 to a number of Rossland capitalists, although J. Carriher and Charles Stibbs are the people named in the bond. This property is one of the best on the mountain and has had considerable work done upon it, enough at any rate to fully demonstrate that it is destined to become a great property. The ore from the property is a very fine grade of copper pyrites and iron in a quartz gangue with excellent gold values and a trace of silver, while the copper values run away up. From the tests already made there is not the least doubt in the world but the property will be able to ship a large quantity of first class ore and with a very little more development it will be in a position to become a regular mine in the fullest sense of the word. Under the terms of the bond, ten per cent of the purchase price is to be paid down in 30 days from the date of the deal, $20,000 in eight months and the balance in one year from date.

A company with plenty of working capital, an efficient and progressive management, and the utmost confidence on the part of the owners in their property, are the factors which are rapidly changing the Mother Lode claim into one of the largest producing mines in the world. Everything about the Mother Lode is built on a large scale. The distance at right angles across the ledge is 185 feet. The plant which is now being installed is the largest that was ever purchased to develop a British Columbia property; the shaft which is being sunk is the largest in the district; the timbering and lining of the shaft are the heaviest, and the company owning the mine have placed a large sum in the treasury for the development of this magnificent property.

It has often been stated that the ore in the Mother Lode was of too low a grade to pay mining and treatment. The development work has conclusively proven that such is not the case, but that the average values are much higher than those of the Anaconda mine and other big dividend-paying properties.

A shipment of nine tons of ore will shortly be made from the Jewel in Long Lake camp to the Trail smelter. One thousand pound will also be shipped to San Francisco to be treated by the cyanide process. If the returns from these shipments are satisfactory work will be resumed on the mine.

A rumor is going the rounds at Greenwood to the effect that W. L. Hogg of Montreal, has taken a bond for $40,000 on the Big Copper in Deadwood camp from the owners, J. Moran and Austin Hammer.

On the Jeannie May, near the mouth of Brown's creek, the Shannon boys and Johnny Layeaux are now down 75 feet on the lead and have some excellent rock in sight. The entire shaft is in ore.

The shaft on the Showshoe is now in splendid ore.

W. L. Hogg, who is one of the owners of the Sunset and Silver Crown, two of the most promising properties in Deadwood camp, was in Grand Forks recently, says the Miner, on his way home to Montreal from a visit to the properties, which he and his partner, Mr. Stevens, also of Montreal, have been having developed on a very extensive scale lately, believing that they have a justification for this in the large amount of ore they have in sight on both properties. So far a 100-foot shaft has been sunk, over 600 feet of tunnel run and considerable open work done on the Sunset, and Mr. Hogg informed us that he had just let a contract for 100 feet to be sunk on the shaft, will take it down to the 200-foot level from which point 200 feet of crosscutting will be done. Besides this there will be about 200 feet more work done by day labor. With the completion of this vast amount of development the Sunset will be well up in the list of the developed mines of district. The Silver Crown, adjoining the Mother Lode, has now enough work done to crown grant, and it will be developed very considerably also.

The owners of the Jewel property in Long Lake camp are shipping nine tons of high grade ore to the Trail smelter for treatment.

A prospector from Pathfinder mountain came into Grand Forks on Monday and reports that a new strike has just been made on the Little Bertha property. A new and distinct ledge some 18 inches in width has been found that assays as high as $150 to the ton.

Ross Thompson, the well known mining man of Rossland, who has a bond on the Oro Dinero property in Summit camp, is now working a strong force on this claim, and will continue work all winter.

W. L. Hogg, of Montreal, who has had a $10,000 bond on the C. O. D. claim has just lifted the entire bond, paying the money over to Robert Donegan, the original owner.

EAST KOOTENAY.

The North Star company has shipped nearly 3,000 tons of ore during the past three months.

The North Star company is doing the assessment work on 21 claims in the vicinity of the North Star. It is the intention of the company to sink a shaft 300 feet on the North Star mine.

Samples from the new strike on the Sullivan group assayed 75 per cent lead and 47 ounces in silver, or a total value of $87 per ton. It is the intention of the company to continue development work. The new shaft is down 20 feet in solid ore. The ore is a fine grained steel galena.

The Little Mag mineral claim, situated on the divide between the Moyie river and Perry creek, is owned by E. J. Walsh of Ottawa. A large amount of development work has been done; one tunnel is in 130 feet, a second 31 feet and a third 20, with a good showing of free milling gold quartz.

R. Mowbray has just completed a contract on the Coronado. The tunnel is now in 50 feet. It is reported that work will be resumed at an early date.

The Hamilton Bros. are still working on the Bellview claim situated on Palmer mountain. The tunnel is in 130 feet, with six feet of solid ore; a shaft is also down 30 feet, with ore in the bottom of the shaft. The ore is galena with a high percentage of silver.

The Wasa group of mines, situated on Wasa creek, about 12 miles north of Fort Steele, have been bonded to H. E. Croaitsdale, representing the Hall Mines, limited, of Nelson. The consideration is $20,000 in four payments. Work will commence at once, a contract having already been let for a 50-foot tunnel. The Wasa group consists of two claims, the Wasa and the Mammoth, and is owned at present by William Thompson, William Haupt, Peter Rosendale and Eric Sandon. Considerable work has been done on the property, a tunnel is now in over 100 feet with a vein of ore from three to six feet in width. The ore is a grey copper, red oxide of copper and galena; assaying 22 per cent copper, 112 ounces in silver, and $8 to $10 in gold. The hanging wall is phorphyritic slate, the foot wall black slate.

E. Johnston, of Windermere, has struck a galena property which bids fair to rival the North Star.

The Perry creek gold fields will no doubt receive considerable attention during the remainder of the season. Mine owners in that vicinity are much elated with the showing during the past few months. At this time there is no reason to doubt that Perry creek will make a great gold camp before the season ends. The provincial mineralogist has made a most searching and thorough examination of most of the properties in that section, and it is said that his report will be most flattering.

REVELSTOKE AND TROUT LAKE.

W. A. Bauer, P. L. S., who has been conducting the survey for a very large number of claims in Ground Hog basin, has returned from there to Revelstoke. Interviewed, he said the quartz showings in Ground Hog were remarkably good and there was no doubt from the character and history of the country that there was a large lead or leads there which contained rich gold deposits. The lead is still undiscovered, but some well-directed development work would surely find it and a great camp would likely be established there.

A number of assays of the ore from the Beatrice claim, Bouchier group, Lardeau, give an average value of $150 and the showing consists of a three-foot body of clean ore. W. G. Frank Beer, who bonded the property, writes the Mail: "You will be pleased to learn that work is progressing rapidly and satisfactorily on the Beatrice. I have now three shifts at work and am now forwarding the machinery for the more rapid handling of the ore. I expect to make the first shipment in a very short time."

On Gainer creek in the Lardeau the Lade Bros., who discovered the rich deposit of gold bearing quartz of which so much was heard last fall, are quietly and energetically pushing development work. The owners of this valuable gold proposition are pleased with the showing so far and when it is opened up thoroughly the good reports of last fall will be fully verified this year by an increased output of rich ore.

A new strike of excellent ore was made on the Towser in the Lardeau country recently. Very shortly the famous Towser property will be heard of to advantage The Towser is in excellent company, adjoining the Sunshine on the Silver Cup lead. The Free Coinage, adjoining the Silver Cup, is showing up excellently also, and under the management of Hugh Monroe, who gained fame by opening up the famous Silver Cup, will shortly be heard of in company with the Silver Cup, Sunshine and Towser.

(Continued on Page 5.)