Provincial News.

ROSSLAND.

Lilla Garland is reported to be very much better, and there is no longer any doubt, just so long as something unexpected does not supervene, and this is not likely, of her ultimate recovery. There are at present seventeen cases in the hospital, none of which are likely to prove fatal.

KASLO.

The death occurred last week of John Brett, who for some time was fireman of the steamer International. Deceased came here from Clarksburg, Ont., near where his people farm He was 22 years old and had only been ill about three weeks. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon.

ENDERBY.

There has been organized in Enderby a branch of the Settlers' Association of B. C., with W. T. Marshall as president, and W. E. Truesdal as secretary. The primary object of the association is, by united effort, to obtain the lands upon which the settlers have located, free, whether administered by the Dominion or Provincial governments. It is also intended that the organization remain a permanent one, whereby the ranchers may be able to advance and protect their interests.

NOTCH HILL.

At Notch Hill on Thursday Coroner Wade held an inquest on the body of Joseph Ferguson, who was killed while working on the steam shovel, three miles west of Notch Hill, on Wednesday afternoon. The evidence presented showed that the accident was due to the breaking of a defective guy rope attached to the gin poles used for hoisting the crane into position. The poles fell, crushing the deceased, who was a green hand and had been at work on the job for less than an hour. The jury brought in a verdict of accidental death. Another man named Brown, who was working alongside of Ferguson at the time of the accident, was struck in the back by a block, sustaining painful but not serious injuries.

GREENWOOD.

G. Arthur Rendell was at the Imperial Hotel on Friday from Eholt. He reports that the government is about to build a school-house for Eholt and that business is picking up there.

The assessment roll of Greenwood, recently completed, gives a total of $1,140,000. Grand Forks shows $983,605 in taxable property.

Fifty-five men are on the payroll of the smelter department of the British Columbia Copper Company. This will be about the force necessary to carry on the building of the smelter for some weeks to come. Large quantities of timber, brick and lime is being hauled to the smelter site for immediate use. Carpenters are framing timbers for the samples and also for the upper and lowed ore bins. The big flue is rapidly nearing completion. Work has also started on the construction of the upper trestle from the railroad spur extending over the ore bins, of which there are six, each being 25x50 feet in size. Immediately below these bins is the sampler, the foundations for which have been cut out. The boiler and blower house has been finished and the metal roof is all in place.

NELSON.

John A. Turner has resumed his official duties as government agent and gold commissioner after a leave of absence spent across the Atlantic. In a general conversation he said that he could have spent a year profitably and pleasantly in travelling through the United Kingdom and on the Continent.

Thursday night saw the close of the Methodist district meeting which had been in session here since Wednesday morning. The day was devoted to the reception of reports from the various changes in the district and business of a general nature. A discussion anent the desirability of extending the work of the church resulted in a resolution to establish missions at Michel, Moyie, Phoenix, Windermere and Lardo. Men for these positions will be secured after the B. C. conference, which meets at the Coast next month.

J. S. Sullivan, provincial C. P. R. engineer, returned on Tuesday from the Lardeau country and spent the day in the city. Mr. Sullivan made a close examination of the Lardeau-Duncan railroad and found that the grade constructed last year is in excellent condition, practically as good as before the winter. Asked as to whether any work would be done on the road this summer, Mr. Sullivan said he did not know, the matter being in the hands of the Montreal management.

The suggestion to form a salvage corps in connection with the local fire department seems likely to go through. Alderman Irvine, who originated the idea, has already communicated with the Underwriters' Association to ascertain what encouragement the insurance men will give the movement. On receipt of a reply he will call a meeting in the fire hall, at which the proposition will be discussed and organization proceeded with if deemed advisable. A salvage corps outfit is not particularly expensive. It includes a hand draught wagon, a number of tarpaulin sheets to protect immovable goods from water and a dozen hampers and sacks to carry out goods. The corps also acts as a guard over goods which might be stolen during the excitement of a fire if left unguarded.—Tribune.

Mr. Justice Drake will be the judge at the assizes here. The criminal cases to be heard are: Regina vs. Podvin, criminal assault; Regina vs. Kelly, abduction; Regina vs. Walker, assault; Regina vs. Hagler, unlawful assembly; Regina vs. Sutherland, uttering forged documents.

Principal Soady of the Central school will take up High school work with an advanced class of scholars after the summer holidays. The trustees have decided on this course as a means of affording students the opportunity of taking High school work without going to the Coast or to the East.

Dr. F. J. Ewing, who is the physician on the Balfour Extension, is suffering from a painful injury to his left leg. While going over the work recently he fell against a sharp stone, bruising and lacerating the limb. At the time no particular attention was given the matter but more alarming symptoms developed and Dr. Ewing has been confined to his room for several days.

PHOENIX.

Rev. J. McCoy, who attended the meeting of Kootenay Presbytery at Grand Forks last week, states that the application of the Phoenix church for power to call a minister was received with approval, and the Rev. D. Campbell, of Greenwood, was appointed moderator, with power to moderate in a call when the congregation is ready.

STEVESTON.

A sudden death took place on Tuesday afternoon at Steveston. Thomas Wilson, engineer at the Imperial Cannery, was attending to some work around the establishment, when he fell dead, heart failure being the cause of death. The deceased gentleman was 57 years of age, and had for a long time been a resident in the province. He came originally from Pontiac county, Quebec.

REVELSTOKE.

On Saturday an Italian named Dinardo, who lost a leg last June while in the employ of the C.P.R., became somewhat despondent and attempted to commit suicide by the use of a razor. He was taken to the hospital where he is being cared for. Dinardo had a case entered against the company for $2,500 damages.

At the Liberal meeting held on Saturday evening last, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: M. McSween, president; J. S. Mercer, vice-president; R. Marshall, secretary; R. Reece, treasurer.

CLINTON.

Chief Justice McColl held Assize court here last thursday. In the case of Queen vs. Charles Brown, Brown was charged with theft from the person of R. Jones of $200, and was acquitted after a few minutes consideration by the jury. In the Queen vs. Chulin and Johnnie, Chilcoten Indians, committed by a justice of the peace for assault on Benjamin Franklin with intent to commit murder, the defendants were indicted by the grand jury for assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm and plea of not guilty entered. After cross-examination of Franklin counsel for the accused withdrew the the plea of not guilty and entered a plea of common assault only, which was accepted by the prosecution. The Indians were then sentenced to six months at Kamloops jail with hard labor.

ASHCROFT.

J. B. Charleson and party left for Quesnelle on Thursday to inspect the Ashcroft-Quesnelle-Dawson telegraph line. Mr. Charleson expects to return in about three weeks.

Mrs. Charles Haddock died here on Sunday last. The funeral took place on Monday. Business was suspended and the citizens assembled to pay their last mark of respect to the departed. Mrs. Haddock was in her 23rd year, and leaves besides her sorrowing husband two children, a boy and a girl, of tender years. Mr. Haddock was at the 150-Mile House when he received the telegram announcing the dangerous illness of Mrs. Haddock, and although all the horses of the B. C. Ex. Co., were placed at his disposal he was unable to reach Ashcroft until some hours after his wife's death.

ALBERNI.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)

The meeting in Alberni, at which J. Macmillan, of Victoria, was to address the electors on behalf of Hon. J. Martin, has been postponed till May 2nd. Mr. Neill addresses a meeting on Saturday.

Mr. Maynard, a representative of the New York company, which owns Mr. Connell's camp at Hell's Gate, on Alberni Canal, is in town. A large force of men are to be put to work.

Messrs. Gaveard and McLinder are working on the Double Crown at the head of Sproat's Lake. The ledge, which is five feet wide, assayed as high as $20. It can be traced for several hundred feet.

Wm. Lindsay expects to spend most of the summer on his property, the Jingo Bird. This also assays high. It is 11 feet wide at the least.

The work on the Sproat Lake road for the new bridge starts this week. The bridge across the Sproat's river is a mile closer to town than the old bridge.

The two-year-old daughter of J. Wilkinson met a terrible death on Saturday morning. She drank some lye on Friday afternoon and lingered till the next day, when she died. The funeral was on Sunday at 3 o'clock, when a large gathering of sympathizers followed the remains to the grave.

VANCOUVER.

The Japanese of the city have contributed $250 for the relief of fire sufferers at Ottawa.

Mrs. Ellen Donahue, an aged lady, mother of Mrs. McDonald, residing at 581 Richard street, died on Monday morning.

Mrs. Hitchcock lectured in the city hall in aid of the Vancouver branch of the Red Cross Society on Monday night. The proceeds amounted to over $100.

At Monday night's meeting of the city council it was moved by Alderman Baxter, seconded by Alderman McQueen, that the city purchase blocks 635 and 636, and the six lots between block 635 and the North Arm road, being in all 61 acres, to enlarge our present cemetery, and that the money to be raised by the by-law to be voted on on May 3rd be used for this purpose and for improving and beautifying the property which will then constitute our cemetery, provided that the above property can be obtained for a sum not exceeding $6,700. Alderman Neelands insisted that notice should be given of the motion. He thought that they might leave the matter an open question. Alderman Wood thought that the council would be the laughing stock of the town, in not knowing where its cemetery was going to be. He did not think that the ratepayers would be satisfied. He said that a special meeting should be held. Alderman Baxter gave notice of motion. It was moved by Alderman McPhadden, seconded by Alderman Baxter, that $1,000 be voted to the Ottawa relief fund. Carried.

All the small steamers leaving here for the North are now carrying men to the logging camps.

A number of cyclists appeared before the police magistrate yesterday charged with riding on the sidewalk. Owing to numerous bicycling accidents of late, those guilty of an infraction of the by-law governing bicycle riding are being fined $10 and costs instead of the usual fine of $2 and costs.

Mayor Garden has received to date $300 for the Hull fire sufferers.

It is stated by a prominent labor man of Vancouver that white labor on the grade sections of the Vancouver & Lulu Island railroad has recently been almost wholly superseded by Japanese labor recently got in.

The meeting of the executive committee of the Vancouver Arts and Crafts Association was held in the chambers of the Builders' Exchange, Fairfield block, on Wednesday evening, when a draft of the constitution and by-laws was submitted. These were discussed clause by clause, and after a few changes it was decided to present them to a general meeting of the association, to be held on Wednesday, May 9th, with the recommendation that they be adopted.

Ernest F. Wurtele, whose death was announced on Wednesday, had been ill for a couple of weeks with pneumonia, and on Sunday his condition was very serious. Then he seemed to rally, and on Monday he was somewhat improved. But the improvement was only temporary, and on Tuesday night he gradually sank until death ensued. Charles Wurtele, agent of the Great Northern railway at Victoria, brother of the deceased, was with him at the time of his death. Mr. Wurtele came to Vancouver about a year ago as city ticket agent of the Great Northern railway. Lately he was appointed agent of the Great Northern Express Company, and in all his connections was very well liked. The deceased was a native of Quebec, and a son of the late R. H. Wurtele. The deceased was 26 years of age.

The smallest municipal vote on record was recorded yesterday on two money by-laws submitted to the people. The by-law to borrow $12,000 for the new cemetery was defeated with 39 votes for and 245 against. The by-law to raise $80,000 for school purposes was carried, 195 for and 81 against.

A preliminary meeting of the graduates in the province of the University of Toronto was held on Tuesday evening, and arrangements were set on foot for the formation of a Graduates' Association.

It is understood that a consultation of the officers of the local militia companies took place on Tuesday afternoon, and that a telegram was sent to Mr. G. R. Maxwell, M. P., asking him to take up the grievance of the Vancouver officers with the militia department. In the matter of renewing equipment, the telegram instanced what had been done in the case of the Sixth Rifles of Montreal, when the department bore two-thirds of the cost at the time of amalgamation with the First Battalion of Montreal.

The death-knell of the cemetery by-law was sounded at Tuesday night's public meeting. A resolution condemning it was passed by a unanimous vote besides which His Worship and every alderman present stated that they themselves would vote against the by-law. His Worship did not make the statement at the meeting itself, but when discussing the matter later, remarked that he would vote against the by-law for the reason that it was not wise to place $12,000 in the hands of the council to do practically as it liked with. He, however, favors the securing of the 200 acres of land at Hastings for the city at the price of $35 per acre, for which price it now has the opportunity of purchasing it. The meeting itself only considered the one question: Was the proposal to obtain the new site worthy of support or defeat? The decision was that it should be defeated, and so unanimous was the meeting to that end, that not one advocate of the by-law could be found.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Reeve Hawkins, of Matsqui, has deposited with the Bank of Montreal the handsome sum of $91.15 for the Canadian Patriotic Fund, made up of $25 subscribed by the Matsqui council, and $70, less incidental expenses, the proceeds of a concert held in the Matsqui town hall on March 30th.

Captain Pittendrigh, coroner, on Friday morning held an inquest on the remains of Theodore Smith, drowned in the Brunette river on Thursday afternoon, and the jury returned a verdict to the effect that deceased was, casually and by misfortune, drowned in the waters of Brunette river, but how or by what means no evidence had appeared to the jury. A rider was added, stating that the jury considers that the Sawmill Company should take precautions against such cdients by compelling the men employed on the booms to wear spikes on their shoes.

John Guinup, a workman who is engaged splitting rock on the Gilly Bros.' wharf for the contractors of the new postoffice building, met with a slight accident on Friday while a stone was being bankered. It fell from its position on to Mr. Guinup's leg, but was soon removed by several workmen who were near at the time and the injuries received were slight.

Malcolm McLeod, of East Langley, died suddenly on Thursday last. Mr. McLeod was school teacher at East Langley, and left his home in the morning in apparently good health, but before he had proceeded very far, he suddenly dropped dead. The cause of his death is supposed to have been heart failure. At the time of his demise Mr. McLeod was 51 years of age, and came to this country from Prince Edward Island. He leaves a widow and several children.

At the Depot hotel on Monday, Harry Barnett, of Chicago, was united in the bonds of holy matrimony to Alice Archowsky, of Seattle, by the Rev. A. E. Vert.

The Chinese Reform Society of New Westminster has issued a proclamation offering $20 reward to any one who will give information that will lead to the conviction of any of their countrymen on a charge of stealing chickens, or exposing for sale stolen chickens. It also threatens to make it hot for any Chinese found harboring a criminal, who is found guilty, either before or after imprisonment.

The death occurred on Sunday afternoon of Eric Douglas, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lewis, Second street, at the age of 10 months and 13 days.

Death has removed Joseph Molina, of the firm of B. Wilberg & Company, cigar manufacturers of this city. Mr. Molina, who had been ailing from consumption for nearly a year past, had just returned at 12.20 o'clock on Sunday on the Pacific express, from Kelowna, where he had gone in hope of regaining his health, but the journey on the train was too much for his weak constitution and he succumbed shortly after being removed to his home on Queen's avenue, in a carriage. The late Joseph Molina was 44 years of age and a native of Mexico. He removed to San Francisco in early childhood, and was brought up in the Golden Gate City. He came to British Columbia in 1881, and entered the employ of Kurtz & Company, cigar manufacturers of Victoria. A few years later he married Miss Minnie McKendry of the Capital City. Several years ago he came to New Westminster, where he had since resided. Prior to the great fire, he worked for William Tietjen, but shortly after the calamity, he entered a partnership with B. Wilberg and started the B. C. cigar factory. The deceased leaves a wife and four children.

The catch of spring salmon so far this week has been rather disappointing. Last week the catch probably averaged 15 fish per boat per day, while according to Wednesday's haul five would be the average for Tuesday night's toil.

The funeral of the late Joseph Molina took place on Tuesday afternoon from the family residence on Queen's avenue to the Odd Fellows' cemetery, the services being conducted by Rev. F. Ten Broeck Reynolds of St. Paul's R. E. Church.

The three Chinamen charged with the murder of Chief of Police Main, of Steveston, a few weeks ago, came before Captain Pittendrigh, S.M., in the district court on Wednesday morning on remand from last week and were again remanded for eight days, to be brought up in the meantime if the prosecution is ready to go on with the case.

The May Queen and ex-May Queen have selected their maids of honor respectively as follows: Miss Malvina Munn, the present queen, choosing Misses Edith Johnston and Alden Hendry, and Miss Alexandrina Ewen, the queen-elect selecting Misses Tina Mowbray and Ada Livingstone. The fetes will be brought off to-day.

KAMLOOPS.

Martin Beattie brought down a crazy Chinaman from Salmon Arm on Sunday night last. The Chinaman was causing considerable uneasiness to some of the residents by his strange conduct.

Jos. McGee sustained a painful injury art the new saw mill on Friday last, his leg being caught in a cog-wheel and badly pinched. The accident has incapacitated him for work for a few days, but he will soon be around again.

Geo. Hoffman, of Shuswap, is at present confined to the hospital from the effects of a revolver shot accidentally sustained while out riding last Sunday. The hammer of the fire arm caught on some part of the saddle discharging the same. The shot entered the left knee. The wound is not a serious one.

The annual meeting of the congregation of the Kamloops Methodist church took place on Monday evening. The various reports were very encouraging, particularly that of the finance committee, who were able to show that the sum of $1,770.70 had been raised during the year for all purposes. The debt on the church property has been reduced to $346. By unanimous vote it was resolved to request conference to continue Rev. Chas. Ladner in the pastorate for another year.

SAVED THE QUEEN.

Few people are aware that Major Gordon Wilson, who is now shut up in Mafeking, with his wife, Lady Sarah Wilson, and their relative, Col. Baden-Powell, was the plucky Eton boy who so promptly "downed" the lunatic who made a mad attempt to assassinate the Queen at Windsor railway station many years ago. Major Wilson is the son of the millionaire squatter who lived at Ercildoune, near Ballarat, the antipodean Johannesburg of bygone days. After the Windsor episode the Queen naturally took some interest in young Wilson, with the eventful result that she invited his father up to the Castle.

He was then plain Sam Wilson, the rough and mightily rich colonial squatter, and he was subsequently knighted by Her Majesty. "Sir Salmon" Wilson, as he was popularly known, by reason of his introduction of salmon to the Australian rivers, was a big-hearted, genial man who sat for some years as one of the members of Portsmouth. All Australians regretted that he died before his time; but he has left a worthy son in the gallant officer who has so successfully and resourcefully assisted "B.-P." in the defence of isolated Mafeking. He also left a worthy and clever daughter in the person of the beautiful Countess of Huntingdon.—M. A. P.

TRIBULATIONS OF SURGEONS.

New Orleans Times-Democrat.

"A dozen years ago," said the doctor, "when I was temporarily located in St. Louis, I was called one day to the old Lindell hotel to give chloroform to a young woman who was about to undergo a slight surgical operation to remove a morbid growth in the ear. The patient, as it developed on my arrival, had been married only a few days before, and was in the city with her husband on their bridal tour. Although quite handsome, she was no longer exactly in her first youth, and she was very much averse to having her husband present at the operation. However, he insisted, and she finally agreed that he should stay, but I noticed that she seemed very nervous and preoccupied.

"She took the chloroform easily, and all went well until she was just regaining consciousness, when she opened her mouth and out fell a set of false teeth. She had said nothing about that detail, and the truth was that she had hoped, poor woman! to pass through the ordeal without the fact of her wearing such things being known to her husband. But the effect on that individual was entirely unexpected. He gave one horrified glance and then rushed at the old surgeon and seized him by the throat. 'You infamous scoundrel!' he yelled, 'you have broken my poor darling's jaw!' At that stage of affairs I beat a retreat. I never did learn exactly what the husband thought had happened or what sort of explanation was offered."

Mining News

War Eagle and Centre Star.

Montreal, April 30.—Hon. C. H. Mackintosh is in the city. Regarding mining, Mr. Mackintosh spoke hopefully of its outlook. Being asked about the Centre Star and War Eagle, he said: "These mines are all right. I should think their new machinery would be installed by the end of June, and by that time their united output will be about seven hundred tons per day."

Ontario Mining.

Toronto, April 30.—The annual report of the Ontario Bureau of Mines places the value of the mining output in the province last year at $8,785,251; wages paid, $2,921.39; employees engaged, 9,918. Seventy-six mining companies were incorporated during the year.

The Lardeau.

Work will be commenced on the Maybe property by the Double Eagle Mining Company as soon as supplies can be got up to the mine.

C. A. Irwin will leave shortly to do assessment work on his property located on Great Western mountain near Comaplix.

Work on the Silver Belt on Brown's creek will be resumed shortly. Over 200 feet of work has been done on this property with very satisfactory results.

L. O'Brien has left Trout Lake to commence work on the Bryan, a very promising silver proposition at Ten-Mile. He will put in the next two months on it steadily.

With the Tenderfoot, John L. and New York groups, on Tenderfoot creek, being actively developed the lower lake country ought to forge rapidly to the front.

On Haskins creek, the Rusty, Maid of Erin, Climax and Rusty Axe will be worked this season. Great things are expected for this section, as some of the finest showings of ore in the country are exposed in veins crossing these claims.

Messrs. Bell, Cummins and Morgan will do considerable work on the White Warrior and Snow Flake claims this summer.

This group is one of the rich strikes of last season, and is located on a lead parallel to that of the Lode property, from which it is no great distance.

The operations on Eight-Mile creek during the coming summer will be very extensive and will materially affect the future of some 15 or 16 mining properties, prominent among which are the Mabel group, Lucky Jim, Hidden Treasure, Alice and I. X. L.

There will be a good deal of activity in the Fish Creek camp this season, and work will be pushed on the Brunswick, Mohawk, Eva and Beatrice groups of claims. This section is one of the richest in the Kootenay, and possesses a great variety of minerals, its veins containing gold, silver, copper and lead in great quantities.

There are only four men working now on the Silver Cup. They are crosscutting from the lowest tunnel to catch the Cup lead. A big force may be put on in June.

Manager W. B. Pool went out to the Landing to make another 50-ton shipment to the Trail smelter from the Nettie L. The vein has been reached in the lower tunnel and the paystreak will be tapped any time now. Then the full force will be put to work and regular shipments made.

A deal went through last week whereby a big Michigan company acquired the Pontiac property, about two miles from Camborne, the new Fish creek townsite, on a basis of a substantial sum down in cash and the balance in shares to the owners, J. Darragh and others. The Pontiac is a gold proposition, from which big assays have been obtained. The new owners will start work at once as soon as supplies can be got to the mine.

East Kootenay.

Work has commenced on the Waterfall and Blue Grouse.

Parties have worked continuously on a group of claims on Isadore Canyon all winter.

The North Star Company has worked a force of from 70 to 100 men all winter, and it is reported the force will be increased. The ore shipments have amounted to about 100 tons daily since the completion of the railway.

The Kootenay (Perry Creek) Mining Company has done a large amount of development on the Pearl, Last Chance, Running Wolf and Ruby claims. The result of this work has been most encouraging, and so far there has been no work done but will show up the ground to the best advantage.

The Sullivan mine has employed about 50 men during the winter months. A large amount of ore has been blocked out, and there are about 300 tons of high-grade ore on the dump that will be shipped this month. It is expected that from now on the Sullivan will be a constant shipper.

The Old Abe has been developed continuously. The ore is a high grade copper. Considerable native copper has been encountered during the past month. The owners expect to be able to make shipments of at least a carload per week as soon as transportation can be effected.

On Wild Horse creek and its tributary, Boulder creek, the Big Chief, Dupont, Doherty, Kootenay King and Dardanelles have been worked all winter, and it is safe to say that the showings of mineral on these properties are well worth a visit of inspection from mining promoters.

Moyie is one of the busiest camps in the whole Kootenay district. The St. Eugene, Lake Shore, Moyie and Queen of the Hills have employed large numbers of men during the last six months. Some work has been done on the Aurora and Society Girl.

The Boundary.

A 20-foot lead of good pyritic ore has been crosscut at the 100-foot level in the Hartford mine.

On the City View on Hardy mountain a rich paystreak 20 inches wide has been encountered in the shaft.

A good body of $30 ore has been uncovered on the Sovereign in Camp McKinney.

The Shannon Brothers and John Layeaux have opened up a fine body of free gold ore on the Jeannie May in Brown's camp.

A six-foot lead has been crosscut in the tunnel on the Copper Monarch in Knight's camp. The ore is chalcopyrite in a quartz gangue.

Messrs. A. McKay and H. Stephenson lately struck a vein of fine ore on the Sovereign, west of the Alma. The ore shows coarse free gold and assays up to $30.

At the Waterloo a body of good ore is being drifted on. It is thought that depth is all that is required to prove this property a permanent mine.

The Mammoth, west of the Eureka, also has a fine showing of ore in the tunnel, probably at a depth of 100 feet from the surface. A winze is being sunk, following the ore down.

Arrangements have been made for the resumption of work on the Emma, in Summit camp, owned by the Mackenzie-Mann Company and W. T. Smith, which has laid idle for several years, although having a magnificent showing of copper ore.

The Cariboo is stated to be working in some of the richest ore yet struck in the bottom level of the mine. It was found east of the old workings and in the Okanagan claim. More than 50 men are now employed at this mine.

A nice vein has, it is reported, been struck on the Dayton. Work will probably be resumed soon on the Kamloops, on which there is some nice ore. The mill has been started on the Lemon property, on which 10 men are now working.

Since the middle of January the B. C. mine, in Summit camp, has shipped nearly 2,500 tons of ore to the Trail smelter, averaging $20 per ton. The new compressor, hoist and other machinery are being rapidly placed in position. After its completion the mine will be ready to make daily shipments of 100 tons.

Major Leckie expressed himself as being delighted with the smelter returns from shipments made to Trail by the Yankee Girl, and says there is no doubt that the Yankee Girl will become a handsome dividend payer in the near future. Work is now in progress to open up a rich ore body, and with the depth already obtained the lead is increasing in width.

A strike is reported at the lower end of the Sailor. A paystreak of ore from 30 inches to 4 feet 6 inches in width is said to give values ranging up to $60 per ton. The quartz is mineralized with galena and carries good values in gold. Three shifts of men are working on this property, which lies about northwest of the Minnehaha and southwest of the Cariboo.

W. K. White is down from his camp up the north fork of Kettle river with the news of an important strike on the Chicago claim, on which he is doing assessment work. He has sunk 12 feet on the property, and has passed through the loose surface rock into solid formation, and the bottom of the shaft now shows a four-foot lead of characteristic iron sulphuret ore with a quartz gangue, the lead lying between perfect walls on a contact of porphyry and diorite. No assays have as yet been made, but float picked from the surface assayed between $3 and $4. The Chicago adjoins the Golden Eagle, upon which there is a fine showing.

Good news comes from the Burnt Basin, where J. F. Cooper is reported to be taking ore out of his Halifax claim preparatory to making a shipment of three cars to the smelter at Trail. The ore is a yellow sulphide of copper, much the same as that of the Rossland district, and it is said to run well, average assays going over 10 per cent. copper. The lead on the Halifax is an enormous one, passing through the full length of this claim and into the Eva Bell, the adjoining property. It is from 16 to 20 feet in width on the surface, and has been opened up for a distance of about 250 feet by pits, shafts and open cuts, which have shown the mineral to grow richer as depth is attained.

The Week in Rossland.

The regular shipments begun on Monday of the week before last from the Le Roi are being steadily kept up and show an advance on the average of that week, which was at the rate of 2,500 tons. Last week the shipments were 2,633 tons, but this includes a specially heavy shipment last Friday, when upwards of 20 cars, or about 620 tons, were sent to the Northport smelter. This was split into two shipments, 11 cars by the regular freight and nine cars by the out-going passenger. The Le Roi shipments for the past week only include six days. The Evening Star sent one car away during the week.

Appended is a statement of the shipments for the past week and year to date:

	Week. Tons.	Year. Tons.
Le Roi	2,604	17,861.5
War Eagle	...	19,603
Centre Star	...	7,017.5
Iron Mask	...	1,435.5
Evening Star	29	352.5
Monte Christo	...	273
I. X. L.	...	224.5
Giant	...	42
Total	2,633	37,808.5

The Similkameen.

The Copper King, owned by Gus Powalls and Charles Bonivere, is probably one of the most promising claims on Copper mountain. Development work consists of three shafts, the deepest being 21 feet. Rich copper sulphide and bornite show all through the rock.

About four miles west of Nicola lake, Burt Irwin has been working on the Juniper and Noonday claims. Surface strippings, a shaft 20 feet deep and open cuts across the ledge comprise the development of these properties. The ledge is over 20 feet wide, carrying seams of rich quartz impregnated with copper sulphide.

George Aldous and Jim Slater are up Twenty-Mile working on the No. 1 mineral claim. The No. 1 is situated about two miles from the mouth of Twenty-Mile. It lies on a contact of stratified porphyry and granite. Solid arsenical iron ore caps the exposure, which lies at a pitch of about 45 degrees, being well defined on the face of the cliff. A body of ore tapped at where they propose driving a tunnel would give a depth of about 1,000 feet, making a remarkable tunnel and dump site.

Nine miles from Princeton, on the right bank of the Similkameen river, lies Kennedy mountain. The mountain was named by Mr. Hugh Kennedy, one of the first prospectors to discover that which would in time rival its famous neighbor across the river, Copper mountain. Enormous deposits of rich copper ore have been discovered and a number of claims staked during the past three years, but as Copper mountain attracted the attention of the mining world, little or no work has been done beyond the annual assessments. This year it is expected that development will take place on a much larger scale, and a number of claim owners are hard at work doing sufficient improvement on their properties to prove the extent and richness of the mineral. The Olympia and Dewey, owned by the McRae Brothers, are showing up magnificently. On the Red Buck, Charles Hevely and George Allison have run a large open cut, uncovering a deposit of splendid ore assaying well both in copper and gold. The Kennedy group, consisting of the Ingersoll, Belle, Majestic, Copperania and Bornite have all fine surface showings, and with a little more work will prove valuable property.