

In all of the mines of this camp attention is, and has been for some time past, principally directed to more thorough and systematic development and equipment. This work has resulted in great discoveries in the Le Roi, Le Roi No. 2, Great Western, Centre Star and Iron Mask, and also in marked improvement in the Evening Star, Giant, and War Eagle.

The Le Roi now ranks as one of the great gold mines of the world—its ore chutes being of unusual length and width. In some places the ore is being stoped out for a width of 100 feet. The new hoisting plant and sampling works are being rushed to completion, and operations will shortly be shifted to the new 5-compartment shaft which is now completed to the 900-foot level. The new head works comprise a sampling mill and sorting apparatus. Two 40-drill air compressors are in operation, and a third of the same capacity is being installed on the Great Western, the three plants to be worked in conjunction to supply the Le Roi, Le Roi No. 2 and Great Western mines.

The surface improvements on the Centre Star are now nearly completed, and the old machinery of the War Eagle is being overhauled.

Besides the mines referred to above, work is being prosecuted on the New St. Elmo, Iron Colt, Homestake, Spitzee, and several small properties.

The Velvet Mine, on Sophie Mountain, is being equipped with a new hoist and 5-drill air compressor, and will be a steady slipper this winter, as will probably be its neighbor, the Portland.

Work is very active in all the camps tributary to or surrounding Rossland, and especially is this true of the Boundary country. On Norway mountain two free milling properties of promise—the Cascade and Bonanza—owned by Rossland companies, will be working this winter.

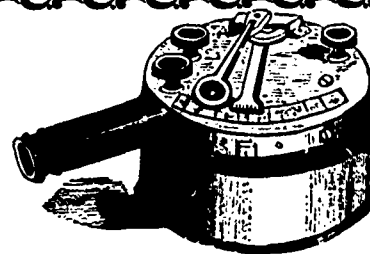
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Blast Furnaces in America.—An indication of the decline in the demand for pig-iron in the United States is afforded by the reduction of the number of furnaces in blast. In August there were 240 as compared with 296 at the commencement of February, and 244 at the commencement of August, 1899. Production has diminished very notably during the last two months. While this great curtailment in the output has been taking place, stocks have largely increased, having risen from 197,532 tons at the commencement of April to 241,077 tons at the beginning of May, 334,680 tons in June, 427,038 tons in July, and 504,301 tons at the commencement of August.

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