

In our issue of November 15th in this column we quoted Mr. R. H. Stewart, mining engineer in charge of the Nugget properties on Sheep Creek, as having encountered a vein while driving a tunnel from the Motherlode Mill to the Nugget veins that bore value of economic importance. Mr. Stewart informs us that he has been misquoted, that the vein encountered bears no value at the point of contact, although it may possibly develop into an ore having value. However, that is something of which he has no knowledge. The Nugget property is in the same position as when driving the tunnel was started, and that until it reaches the Nugget veins he will not be able to tell what the result will be.

A. Wood, manager of the Taltapim Mining Company's operations on the Anderson group out from Burns Lake, is highly optimistic in his opinion of the property. Assays taken of the four-foot streak of high-grade in the eight-foot outcropping on Anderson Creek show very valuable ore of high silver content, and this is behing the enthusiasm of Mr. Wood, and also worked up high hopes among the residents of Burns Lake, which town will benefit greatly from the successful operation of the property.

Mr. Wood stated that plans for work preceding actual development were being worked out, and carried into effect at a rate promising well for an early start on mining. The men engaged on building a winter road are making fine progress, and just before leaving for the coast a crew was put on at the mine end to put up the necessary camp buildings for the miners.

The Mineral Claims Development Company, Ltd., of Vancouver, is developing the Homestake Group, Alice Arm. The object of this company is to take up and develop prospects to the point where they can be offered to operating companies as proved mines. The Homestake Group consists of four claims, of which George Clothier, Government mining engineer, says: "Taking into consideration the width and continuity of the vein, the persistence of the mineral content, the improvement in appearance on what little depth has been gained in the open cuts, the grade of ore exposed in some of the cuts, and its favorable situation for mining, there are good reasons to believe that the property might easily develop an immense tonnage of concentrating ore."

Colonel Gibson is the president of the Mineral Claims Development Company, and C. M. Houghton is vice-president. The latter has been identified with the mining industry in British Columbia for the past twenty years, having been one of the pioneers of Rossland, B. C.

A. E. Savage has been awarded the contract of driving upwards of 1,000 feet of tunnelling in the Little Bertha-Pathfinder mining group, twelve miles north of Grand Forks; F. H. Knight and C. M. Hayes of Spokane authorizing the work for the controlling company.

The tunnel site has recently been surveyed and is intended to develop the Bertha at depth. Should results be favorable the tunnel would be continued through into the Pathfinder, running probably 2,000 feet.

The Bertha-Pathfinder is an amalgamation of the companies owning the Little Bertha and Pathfinder properties, which adjoin. Years ago each property shipped considerable high-grade ore, the values running largely in silver. Mining experts who have looked the properties over have always been optimistic of the showings. Last shipments of ore went to Greenwood smelter in 1917.

Mr. H. H. Vincent, president of the Vincent Development Company, which is handling the development of the combined Eureka-Granite-Poorman property for the Inland Mining Company, announces that the surveying of the 6,000 extension of the tramway has been completed, and that a contract for its construction will be awarded immediately. Mr. Vincent has inspected the work at the mines recently and reports that a car of concentrates is ready for shipment to the Trail smelter. He says that it is much cleaner and better than what was shipped in the month of August, owing to the tuning up of the Granite-Poorman mill and to other improvements effected in the interval.

Rich ore has been uncovered in the course of the performance of assessment work on the claim of Mr. W. J. Bantin, Lightning Peak. It is expected that active development will result. The outcome was a rush to the district by prospectors and the staking of all ground adjacent to the Banting claim. It is reported that on the Waterloo mineral claim rich carbonates, running from 4,000 to 9,000 ounces of silver to the ton, have been discovered, and that the owners have about a ton of it ready for shipment.

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TO END OF DECEMBER, 1918

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Aggregate Value of \$637,353,581

Production for Year Ending December, 1918, \$41,782,474

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