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Provincial News.

COLVILLE.

C. E. Plumtree and Miss Eva Lorenz, both of Rossland, were married at the Colville hotel on Tuesday afternoon, by Rev. Mr. Haight, pastor of the Methodist church.

PHOENIX.

The new officials for the Phoenix general hospital are: Honorary President, S. H. C. Miner; president, A. C. Flumerfelt; vice-president, A. J. McMillan; secretary-treasurer, W. R. Williams. C. G. Buck and W. J. Porter are also on the board of directors.

FERNIE.

A quiet wedding took place here on Tuesday, August 28th, when Margaret, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Lee, was given in marriage to Spurgeon McKay, both of this place, but lately come from Lethbridge. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. F. Stillman.

KASLO.

The city council has decided to instal a new water system. The city has decided to take its water for domestic purposes from Macdonald creek instead of from Kaslo creek, thus getting soft water instead of hard. This new water system will cost about $1,300. The matter being urgent construction was ordered to be commenced at once.

KAMLOOPS.

An additional school building to accommodate 50 children is to be erected on the south-east corner of the present city school cite. The crowded state of the present school premises makes this additional accommodation very welcome.

An unfortunate accident occurred at the Kamloops sawmill on Friday morning. A man named Fison fell from the pile-driver, a distance of over forty feet to the scow, sustaining a fractured arm, a nasty head wound, and severe contusion of the back. He was removed to the hospital.

REVELSTOKE.

The coroner's inquest held in the Prospectors' Exchange at Thomson's Landing last Monday on the body of Chas. Larson, who lost his life in Fish creek on July 26th, resulted in a verdict of accidental drowning. A. M. Craig found the body the day before in a badly decomposed condition, stuck in a log jam.

The impressive ceremony of inducting a new pastor into the charge of a Presbyterian congregation took place on Wednesday evening, when Rev. Mr. Calder was inducted into charge of the church here. There was a large congregation present at the service.

GREENWOOD.

Paul Johnson, M.E., general manager of the British Columbia Copper Company's smelting works, has returned after an absence of three and a half months in Europe. Mr. Johnson was accompanied by Mrs. Johnson and two children. "I had a most delightful trip," he said to a representative of the Greenwood Times, "and am now ready to take active charge of the smelter. My principals in New York cabled me to Europe to hasten here to complete the smelter as they had been receiving the most encouraging reports from the Mother Lode and were anxious to be in a position to treat the ore. I intend to get the sampling mill running as soon as possible and get a good supply of ore in the bunkers. The smelter will be blown in some time in November."

COWICHAN.

Coroner J. Moscrop held an inquest last week at Quamichan village on the body of an Indian woman, Sno-ma-wilt, who was found dead in a boat on the way here from Steveston. Three men (one of whom was husband of the deceased) and three women left Stevenston in the boat a week previously. From the evidence it appeared that Sno-ma-wilt had secreted a bottle of whiskey, the contents of which she drank as soon as they got to sea. She then lay, face downwards, on the bed on which the women were sitting. A heavy storm came on and throughout the night the five had to fight for their lives, the deceased lying, as they thought, asleep. When at 9 o'clock next morning they effected a landing at Plumper Pass, they found she was dead. Drink, causing suffocation, was the verdict of the jury.

NELSON.

A number of changes are contemplated at the fire hall, consequent on the addition of the new chemical apparatus, which should materially increase the efficiency of the brigade. The board of works has already ordered a new team of horses to replace the present pair. Chief Thompson has applied to have the old brown horse retained for his personal use, offering to supply a carriage.

A C. P. R. freight train was wrecked on Tuesday afternoon at trestle No. 57, opposite the mouth of Grohman creek. The train was an extra freight proceeding toward Nelson at a moderate rate of speed. Conductor Irving was in charge. No one was injured. Just as the train approached the trestle a couple of cars jumped the track. The wheels tore up the sleepers and finally smashed down a couple of bents, leaving a gap into which three cars piled, falling to the ground some forty or fifty feet below. The locomotive with sixteen cars was safely across and pulled into Nelson.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Capt. Pittendrigh has just returned from holding an inquest on the body of a man named William Holloway, who was found dead in his house on Langley Prairie. It appears the owner of the house had occasion to call and found the house fastened up and the blinds drawn. Peeping through he saw the body of the deceased lying on the floor in a pool of blood, beside a gun. He at once communicated with Mr. Deans, J. P., and together they visited the scene and then sent for the coroner. From the evidence at the inquest it was learned the deceased was a young, unmarried man, who had come from the East about a year ago. He had been very despondent of late, and this no doubt led him to contemplate snicide, as $60 was found on his person, and he had over $100 in the bank. When carrying out his purpose his nerve must have failed, or the gun slipped, for the wound was a ghastly rent, which well nigh disembowelled him. The jury returned a verdict of "suicide while temporarily insane."

A half-holiday was proclaimed in Westminster yesterday in honor of the visit of the vice-regal party. A guard of honor from the Sixth was drawn up to receive the Governor-General, and the City band played the National Anthem. The visitors were then driven to Queen's Park, where a civic address was presented, after which the New Westminster school children, over 1,000 in number, sang several patriotic songs. After the singing a maple tree was planted by Lord and Lady Minto, near the ranger's house, when the vice-regal party repaired to luncheon at the residence of the mayor. In the afternoon the public institutions were visited, and in the evening the party left for the Kootenay country.

SIDNEY.

The following is the honor roll for August for the Sidney school, Miss A. Currie teacher:

Senior V.—Rita Brethour.

Junior V.—Georgina Brethour, Edith Brethour and Alice Roberts.

Senior III.—Lilian Winslow, Alex. Brethour, Joyce Brethour, Frank Norris and Lily Brethour.

Junior III.—Pearl Harrison, Harry Critchley, Coverdale Brethour, Eva Roberts and Catharine Sangster.

I. Reader—Gerald Winslow, Violet Norris, Clifford Brethour, Ira Brethour, Newall Copeland, Rica Winslow, Wilson Armstrong and Marguerite Sangster.

II. Primer—Herbert Harrison, Sidney Roberts and Olive Norris.

ROSSLAND.

A meeting of the banquet committee was held on Wednesday at the City hall, which was presided over by the mayor. The object of the meeting was decided upon whether or not a banquet should be given to Lord Minto on his arrival. It was decided on a resolution put by Dan Thomas, and seconded by Edwin Durant, that this should be the course pursued. It was decided to accept the tender of Jack Lucas of the Kootenay hotel, which was for a dinner at $5 a plate, the number of guests to be restricted to 75. The reception committee for the Countess of Minto will be composed of the wives of the city council and of the members of the banquetting committee.

Mr. E. P. Bremner, Dominion labor commissioner for British Columbia, who has been here for several days, in speaking of local labor conditions, said: "I wish to say a word or two in relation to the harmony which should exist between employers and employees. It is something which should be cultivated as much as possible in the interests of the country at large as well as the community, because therein lies their prosperity. British Columbia as a field for enterprise may be fairly said to be second to none, and too often the cry is raised that capital is discouraged in it. This may be largely due to the past labor troubles, which to those well acquainted with the facts, may be considered unjustifiable, for the miners of this country, I will say, have struck me as being most intelligent and reasonable, and I am not convinced that reasonableness is not lacking in the employers nor in the mine owners, but I would most strongly advise that friendly relations be most closely cultivated, that the motives of any element raising possible suspicion be closely scrutinized. It lies largely in the power of both capital and labor to bring about this most happy result. Too often these two elements are pitted against each other under the false belief that they are necessarily antagonistic. This, however, cannot be so, as their mutual good lies in each studying the interests of the other. It has been rumored that all is not as harmonious in the Rossland camp as it might be. I sincerely trust that with a spirit of concession in the future this will be dispelled. That manager studies not the interest of his company who in any way takes his employees by the throat, nor do those men study the interests of their fellows who think to do likewise by the operators. On one point I desire to make myself clear, that the government are prepared to permit no unfair competition with its citizens by reason of unfair contract importation of labor. This is said in a spirit, not to hamper in the least the operations of any industry, especially where it can be shown that a skilled class for the work desired cannot be obtained within the borders of our province, nor do I think the reasonable toilers would raise any objection to such expectations. Speaking of Rossland there is, I believe, or should be, a class of miners quite as competent as can be found in any part of the Northwest, and it may be false economy to seek for aboard what they have in their midst and it does not follow that the cheapest represent the most economical. I hope the day is far off in Rossland or any other part of British Columbia which will see the recurrence of any labor disputes. To safeguard against these I would again strongly urge the spirit of toleration."—Miner.

W. R. McPherson, the well-known architect of Grand Forks, and the builder of the Yale hotel, is in the city. He reports that there is considerable building in Grand Forks and more in contemplation. The city has ordered him to prepare plans and specifications for a combined city and fire hall. The ground dimensions of the structure will be 50x80 feet, and it will be two and a half stories high. It will be built of wood. The Merchants Bank of Halifax has received tenders, which have been forwarded to headquarters for a 40x80-foot building. It will be three stories in height and of pressed brick and stone. Commodore Biden is contemplating the putting up of a dozen new residences.

It is probable that arrangements will be made to have Lord Minto, during his visit to this city next week, present the two medals awarded by the Humane Society to W. T. Hoyes and Lanson M. Johnson, of Trail, who, at the risk of their own lives, rescued little Ethel May Carr from drowning in the Columbia river during the flood last June. Mayor Goodeve has the medals in his possession. They are the regulation bronze medals, in handsome cases, and suitably inscribed. Each medal is accompanied by a diploma, setting forth the story of the rescue.

The suit of the Centre Star v. the Iron Mask, which has been pending before the courts for the past two years, and which was tried, at considerable cost for experts, etc., before Mr. Justice Walkem, of the Supreme court, about a year since, was settled last night. The parties to the suit are most reticent as to the terms of settlement.

VANCOUVER.

Their Excellencies, Lord and Lady Minto, and suite will arrive in Vancouver, on their return from Dawson and Victoria, by the Dominion government steamer Quadra, on Wednesday about noon. The Governor-General and his party will remain in the city till Thursday morning. Owing to the brief stay in this city no special reception programme will be carried out, but a public ball will be given in the Hotel Vancouver on Wednesday evening in honor of their Excellencies' visit.

A pall of sadness has been cast over the holiday pleasures of many of Vancouver's citizens by the unexpected news of the sudden death of Aubrey Lund and Aubrey Vaughan, who were drowned off the mouth of Powell river, Strait of Georgia, on Saturday evening. The two victims of the boating accident had been spending their summer vacation camping in the vicinity of Powell lake, 55 miles up the coast. The camping party included Mr. W. A. Pride, of New Westminster Mr. W. A. Short, of Pendrill street, and the two whose lives have been claimed by the deep waters. About 11 o'clock on Saturday night they had put out from the mouth of the river in a skiff to intercept the steamer Comox. Pride was steering, and on the approach of the steamer imagined she had hove to to await them, and consequently headed directly for the vessel. Suddenly, while the oarsmen were still rowing, the Comox loomed up right above the boat, and before a warning shout could be given her bow had cut the light craft in two, and its four occupants were swimming for their lives, two on one side of the steamer and two on the other. All could swim, but the ice-cold mountain currents off the mouth of the river, combined with the weight of their boots and clothing, made the struggle a hard one. Short was the strongest swimmer of the party, and endeavored to assist Lund, but before a boat could be lowered to their assistance, the latter had sunk. Vaughan appears to have sunk almost immediately after the boat was struck. The two survivors swam around looking for their companions to reappear till the boats from the steamer picked them up, and continued the search, but without avail. Aubrey Lund was ledger-keeper in the local branch of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax. He was very popular and highly esteemed among his colleagues, and was about 24 years of age. Mr. Lund only arrived in the city about 18 months ago, from his home in Sackville, N. B., where he resigned a good position in the Halifax Banking Company to try his fortunes in the West. Aubrey Vaughan had been for eleven years connected with the business house of Oppenheimer Brothers, wholesale merchants of this city, and had lately filled the responsible position of buyer for the firm. He resided with his parents on Barclay street.

John Mackenzie, foreman in Spicer's shingle mill, met with a painful accident while out duck shooting on Saturday. He was travelling through the woods carrying a loaded gun. When crossing a log he tripped and fell. The gun went off, and the full charge struck his right hand just above the wrist. He bound the wound up and reached home in a weak condition. Dr. Brydone-Jack was called in and sent the sufferer to the city hospital. It is thought his hand can be saved, but the wound is a frightful one.

The Canadian naturalization laws appear to have been violated in British Columbia, and in a wholesale manner. It was known during the fishing season that many Japanese who were fishing on the Fraser had sworn that they had been residents of Canada for four years, when they had not been in Canada that many months. It was not known, however, that Japanese were having their naturalization papers mailed to them a month or so after arrival. On Labor Day many deported Japanese arrived from the United States. They had entered the United States from Canada after the fishing season was over, and had been sent back as pauper immigrants. Five of these men were induced to show their papers. None of them could speak English, but there were several Japanese who consented to interpret their remarks. This is what the Japanese had to say about naturalization papers, as well as poll tax receipts: Shibata Hanichi said: "I reached Victoria 24th of March, 1900 (this was proved by landing papers produced). I fished on the Skeena first, and then the Fraser river. I paid my poll tax on May 21st. I am a British subject; I hold my certificate of naturalization." The certificate was then produced. It was signed A. E. Beck, properly sealed and stamped with the name of W. H. Thick on the back. Shibata, on being further questioned, said that the naturalization certificate was sent through the mail to him. When he was shown that the certificate stated that he had resided in Canada for four years, Shibata innocently remarked, "About four months." Ike Kintora said he arrived in Victoria on the 14th of March and went to Cassiar. While there he received through the mail his naturalization papers, entitling him to fish on the Skeena. These papers were also produced and the naturalization certificate was signed by A. E. Beck and sealed in the usual way. Yosyimi Goshohichi said he arrived in Victoria on April 17th and worked along the Skeena river in May and June. When in Cassiar he paid his poll tax, receipt dated July 20th. His naturalization papers arrived on June 7th; they were given him by a man named Aikwa and sent to him through the mail from Vancouver by a man named Nagoa. When Yosyimi was asked if he had been in Canada four years, as the paper stated, he replied, through the interpreter, about five months and a half altogether. Three other Japanese produced poll tax receipts for money paid from three to four months after their arrival. Registrar A. E. Beck states that if fraud is being perpetrated, blame cannot possibly be attached to his office. The usual oaths are administered before a notary and the matter is passed on to his office. He waits a certain time to give opportunity for objections, and if none are made, issues the naturalization papers on the strength of the notary's report.

Medical Health Officer Maclean in his report for August states there were 26 cases of typhoid or enteric fever; 9 of diphtheria, and 1 case of measles reported during the month; in all 36 cases of infectious disease. The report continues: "A large number of the typhoid fever cases were brought into the city from outside. Many of them were Japanese, and they and several others came in from the fish canning localities, logging camps, etc."

A very pretty wedding took place on Tuesday at the residence of the bride's parents, 851 Keefer street, the contracting parties being Horace Williamson and Miss Hatie May MacLean. Rev. John Reid, jr., was the officiating minister, and was assisted by Rev. D. Reid.

On Saturday night Officer Park, on his round, came across a man sleeping peacefully on the sidewalk on Pender street, just off Granville. He found the man was helplessly drunk and took him in charge. When searched at the police station there was found on the sleeper $1,322.90 in coin and a check marked good for $500. The man was kept in long enough to sober him up, and was let out on $5 bail, which he is not likely to redeem as he is a well known young men, just returned a short time from the North.

Lord and Lady Minto arrived in Vancouver by the government steamer Quadra at 3.30 yesterday and were taken through the hospitals and public buildings by Mayor Garden.

The mayor of Vancouver has divided his salary due him as chief magistrate, during the month he was attending the legislature in Victoria, among the charitable institutions of Vancouver.

James Harvey dropped dead of heart disease in Winch's store last evening. He came to Vancouver when the town was in its infancy. He was until recently engaged in the land office of the C. P. R. Mr. Harvey was a native of Hamilton, Ont.

Hewitt Bostock, M. P., has assigned his real and personal estate to C. J. Helliwell, accountant, for the benefit of his creditors. The Province Publishing Co. is not included in the Bostock estate, but the B. C. Printing & Lithographing Co. is included in the assets. The assignment, it is understood, was due to numerous large unprofitable investments in the province, although the estate comprised among its assets many valuable investments and would pay over 100 cents on the dollar.

Harry Buckley, one of the best known and most popular railway men running out of Vancouver, was jointed in marriage on Wednesday to Constance, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Thomas Stewart, at the residence of the bride's mother, 1,105 Davie street. Rev. John Reid, in the absence of Rev. Mr. E. D. McLaren, performed the ceremony. Miss Ethel, sister of the bride, looked charming as the bridesmaid, and W. D. Wood was best man.

Word was received yesterday that the bodies of the young men, Aubray Lund and A. Vaughan, drowned in Powell river, north of Vancouver, several days ago, had been found. The body of Lund will be sent to his parents in Sackville, N. S.

Private R. Mackie returned yesterday from South Africa. He had enteric fever for a long time. He received an enthusiastic reception from friends.

A memorial has been presented to the Governor-General, signed by the mayor and city clerk and president and secretary of the board of trade of Vancouver, asking that a mint be established in Vancouver.

A lodge of the Fishermen's Union, with a membership composed exclusively of Indians, was instituted this morning. Since returning from Steveston, where they have been on their annual fishing trip, and prior to leaving for their home in Port Simpson, the Indians have been camped on the waterfront off Alexander street. Will MacClain, president of the Machinists' Union and general organizer for the fishermen, has succeeded in starting a lodge of their own among the Indians. Officers have been appointed as follows: President, J. Bradley; vice-president, Henry Nelson; secretary, David Johnson; treasurer, Henry Pierce; recording secretary, A. Reid. Proceedings will immediately be begun to take out a charter from the Dominion Trades and Labor Council, with which organization they will be affiliated.

QUEER FANCIES IN CUBA.

Superstitions That Have Obtained a Strong Hold on the People.

A belief that has a strong hold on a certain class of people in Cuba is that certain diseases can be cured by eating dirt, and so when one of these diseases manifests itself the believer does not consult a physician, but instead gathers up a handful of dirt and eats it. If any relief is obtained it must be the result of faith cure, which the patient is unconsciously trying. Why all kinds of germs are not taken in with the dirt is a mystery—possibly they are.

The moonlight seems particularly objectionable and strangers are warned not to go out in it with uncovered head, and not to go out in it at all if it can be avoided; it is thought that this light brings many evil effects, and not under any circumstances will a Cuban sleep in its rays—he thinks that, among other things, it will draw his mouth to one side of his face.

To ward off sickness of various kinds there are little silver or tin images to wear suspended about the neck as a kind of charm, images of the same kind are offered in the churches as thanksgiving or prayer, and so we find near the altars of certain churches cases in which are hundreds of these little trinkets, hands, feet, arms and babies.

The hooting of an owl is taken as a very bad sign. The superstitious Cuban kills any creature of this kind which makes weird sounds near his home. This is supposed to break the spell, and it is not then inevitable that a member of the family shall meet death in the near future. Butterflies also are looked upon as omens.

The Cuban women are great believers in the efficacy of various herbs in sickness and have a remedy for almost every ailment. American physicians find that they have much more knowledge in this line than the women of our own country and more knowledge of sickness in general. In many homes, even the poorest, there is a thermometer, and if anyone is ill his temperature is taken before the physician arrives.

Canadians will be glad to learn that the Thos. Davidson Manufacturing Co., Montreal, have been awarded the gold medal for enamelled ware at the Paris exhibition. Taking into consideration that the manufacture of this line of goods is comparatively a new industry in Canada, it speaks very highly for the class of goods being turned out in Canada when one of the manufacturers gets such a flattering award.

Mining News

Rossland Camp.

The Rossland Miner in its weekly mining review says:

The shipments from the Centre Star which it was stated were to have been begun last week, have been deferred to this. In consequence of this and the shortage of room at Northport, the big shipments of the autumn have not as yet started, but their commencement will not be delayed much longer. There is nothing of particular moment to be recorded this week, except that in opening up the Nickel Plate the ore bodies have been found to be closer together and at the same time more continuous than was at first suspected. The day has gone by when Rossland could be called a one mine camp. While it remains indubitable that the Le Roi is one of the great mines of the world, yet the way in which the mines have been proved up to the east and to the west of that gigantic hole in the ground, shows that while it may be possible that no mine in the camp is equal to the Le Roi, yet the ground of the Le Roi No. 2, the Centre Star, War Eagle, Nickel Plate and Columbia-Kootenay stretching over two miles east and west on the the north belt will show themselves to be no mean seconds.

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

	Week. Tons.	Year. Tons.
Le Roi	4,651	95,067
War Eagle	...	10,603
Centre Star	...	7,017
Iron Mask	...	1,435
Le Roi, No. 2	255	766
Evening Star	...	351
I. X. L.	...	342
Monte Christo	...	273
Iron Colt	...	80
Giant	45	87
Spitzee	...	20
Total	4,951	116,041

Nickel Plate.—As more and more work is done upon the Nickel Plate more and more are the management convinced that it has in its charge a great mine. There are three well defined zones of ore upon this mine, some of which give in places great values, and all of which are capable of shipping many thousand tons of valuable ore. In the middle zone was discovered last March a body of ore which has since been proved to be of higher value than is usual in the camp, and which though not very largely explored since has shown itself to vary from three feet at a point where it was pinched by an intrusive dyke to a width which is at present unproved, but which extends all across the breast of the drift on the 600-foot level west. Besides this comparatively small body which has been shown to be continuous upwards as far as the 400-foot level there are the north and south veins or zones. The former is known as the Ore-or-no-go, and the values which it gave at the surface, which are of average worth, are said to be no less at depth. To the south while connections are being made with the old workings on the original shaft another body of ore was located and in one place a stope has been started which is calculated to be no less than 28 feet in width of ore that is very fine looking, and which will pay handsomely to ship. All these veins are running parallel the one with the other, and the work so far spoken of is in a line running north and south and crosscutting them. But drifting to the eastward towards the Golden Chariot ground has revealed that these bodies are continuous over the whole length of the Nickel Plate with comparatively small patches of barren ground and are to be found running into the next property. Nor is this all. Fifteen hundred feet further west the presence of ore bodies in vast bulk on the Great Western ground show that the Great Western mine is by no means the smallest property in Rossland. The ore bins and sorting floor are now nearly completed, and should be completely so by the middle of the month.

Le Roi.—The development work on the Le Roi during the past week has been on the same lines. The shaft is being sunk from the 800 level and at the same time connection is being made by a raise from the 900.

Le Roi No. 2.—The mine is shipping steadily and has sent out about 250 tons of ore during the week. The sinking of the Annie shaft is being proceeded with and there is no change in the ore body except that the shaft seems to be passing through a flexure of the vein. On the No. 1 drifting is in progress east and west on the 600 level and an intermediate level is being opened between the 300 and 400-foot levels. Stopes are being opened here as well as in the 300-foot level on the same body of ore. On the Josie work is proceeding on the opening of the third compartment of the shaft. Stopes are in progress on the 300 and the surface tunnels. Ore is being taken out of the Poorman stope.

The Kootenay Mines.—The crosscut from the No. 6 tunnel which is to intersect the Tiptop vein is now in nearly 600 feet. It starts from a point about 1,000 feet from the portal of the adit. It is thought that the vein should be crosscut within the next hundred feet. From the same tunnel a raise is being made to the level above to connect with a winze there sunk upon a body of ore in the foot wall of the ledge. In the 1,000-foot level drifts are being driven on the ledge to the east and west. Work is still progressing on the compressor foundations.

War Eagle.—The shaft is being continued downward to the proposed new or eighth level It has now attained a depth of 1,065 feet. On the seventh level a drift is being driven eastward on the south vein newly broken into in the previous week. Drifts are also in hand on the intermediate and north veins. On the sixth level a crosscut is in progress northward. There is no more stoping being undertaken at present on any of the levels.

Giant.—The Giant shipped 45 tons of ore to the smelter during the past week. The ore was extracted from the upper ledge. The ledge is 18 feet wide and the values are increasing as the work progresses. The ore is an arseno-pyrite and the values are in the gold.

Velvet.—The extension of the main adit continues and is making good progress.

Evening Star.—The work of extending the drifts from the bottom of the 200-foot level continues. The faces of the drifts are about 125 feet apart. The property is looking well and the vein continues to hold its width and the ore its value.

East Kootenay.

There is increased activity in the vicinity of Tracy and Lewis creeks.

At the Sullivan the daily shipments have not been increased, but will be as soon as the new compressor is installed.

The output of the North Star mine still continues at 100 tons daily, which could be largely increased were it the policy of the company to do so.

The owners of the St. Lawrence have their tunnel now in 60 feet and it will be extended 40 feet further. This tunnel is being run on the ledge. A number of new locations have been made in that vicinity.

An important strike has been made on the Fox group, on Fifteen Mile creek, which property is under bond to the Orville Mining Company, represented by O. D. Hoat. A tunnel, which was driven at a depth of 500 feet below the copper croppings, resulted in such successful development of the vein that on crosscutting a body of four feet of high grade copper has been exposed.

A representative of the Golden Era recently visited the placer workings of the Golden Placer and Quartz Mining Company, on Canyon creek, where work was suspended recently owing to the inability of the pipes to keep the bottom of the shaft dry while digging. The shaft was down 70 to 75 feet, the walls of which are cribbed with 6-inch by 8-inch timbers. At a depth of about 65 feet a peculiarly hollow shaped boulder was taken out yielding from 30 to 40 colors. It is confidently expected by the management that from 12 to 15 feet more will see bedrock, when the next move will be to drift right under the creek bed. New machinery is expected daily, and work will be resumed as soon as it arrives.

Work on the Certainty mine, on Fifteen Mile creek, is now progressing rapidly. The No. 1 tunnel has been timbered for over 200 feet and the driving of the extension of this tunnel will be resumed in about a fortnight, the work going on night and day in eight-hour shifts. Timber is being got up to the tunnel so as to enable tunneling and timbering to proceed into winter. The new 1,000-foot level tunnel at this mine will be begun in the course of the next two weeks, a snowshed built through the slide to connect this tunnel with the camp, and so secure the safety of the employees from snowslides during the winter, and a tramway run from the timber shed to the mouth of the tunnel so that tunneling and timbering can be carried on here uninterruptedly during next winter and till the trail is accessible for traffic in July of next year.

In Wellington Camp.

By the bonding of the Evening Star and Silby for $45,000 by Andrew Laidlaw, attention has been directed to the possibilities of South Wellington camp. In company with Mr. Laidlaw, the correspondent of the Rossland Miner some days ago visited the claims, which are situated in South Wellington, a section of the camp that has had little development. The Evening Star was originally located in July, 1895, on account of its big surface capping. Little work was performed by the owners, J. K. and R. S. Fraser, until this summer, when, in doing the assessment for both claims on the Evening Star, the prospecting work disclosed within a foot or two of the surface much copper ore. Encouraged by the showing, a more determined effort was made to open up the property. One brother worked on the Old Ironsides mine and made a good salary, which supplied the other with the necessary sinews to carry on the work, and their reward is the bonding of the claims for an exceptionally large sum on Saturday, which a few months since were hardly thought to be worth anything. The nature of the development is surface trenching and shallow prospecting shafts. The ore body is fully 100 feet in width, between a formation of lime on the west and porphyry on the east. For a distance of 400 feet north and south following the course of the deposit it has been opened up by several cuts. The ore is copper running from a half to 19 per cent. In appearance, considering the trifling depth attained, the showing is an exceptionally rich and large one. Those who are competent to judge say without hesitation it is one of the biggest prospects yet opened in the district, and with proper development there is every reason to believe substantial returns would be forthcoming for the money expended.

Beside the copper showing there is a parallel ore body with an iron capping on which there is one or two open cuts and a shaft 15 feet in depth. Small gold values are obtainable. The Silby, a new location, has no work on it. The location of the claims afford every facility for a railroad spur, and there is an abundance of timber, and sufficient water for all mining and domestic purposes. Mr. Laidlaw will commence the development of the property at an early date.

While in Wellington camp the correspondent paid a hurried visit to the Winnipeg mine. He was shown over the underground workings by Mr. N. Tregear, the superintendent. At the 300-foot level a winze is being sunk on the first north vein and the ore taken out is being loaded direct on the cars for shipment to the Granby smelter at Grand Forks. The winze was down about 10 feet, and at this depth the vein had widened out from 18 inches where found in the drift to fully 11 feet at the bottom of the winze. It is a magnificent showing of solid pyrehatite. Three samples of the ore from this strike gave values in gold of $18, $14.40 and $12. Superintendent Tregear thinks that it will average about $14. If this showing holds out, as there is every reason to think, it will be the means of making the Winnipeg a most valuable property. It is the intention to sink the winze, following the ore down 100 feet, then drift on the line of the vein. Ore is also being taken out from what is known as the "railroad vein." The workings are at a depth of 35 feet. Carload shipments from this vein netted the company $17.50. The total ore shipments to date from the Winnipeg amount to 40 cars.

On the adjoining property, the Brandon and Golden Crown, the correspondent was informed that the south crosscut at the 300-foot level encountered an excellent body of ore measuring about seven feet in width. This vein is believed to be the one opened on the 100-foot level where stoping has been in progress for some time, and proves its depth down to the 300. The mine has shipped over 2,000 tons to the Trail smelter.

Shipments have also started from the Athelstan, in the same camp, which is said to be looking better than ever.