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MINING NOTES.

Some high prices are being given by conservative mining men for properties both on the North Fork of Salmon River and on Wild Horse Creek. That country will bear watching. Next summer is likely to see some remarkable developments there.

A meeting of the Novelty Gold Mining company was held in Spokane on Tuesday for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. The following were the officers elected: John A. Finch, president; Clarence J. McCuaig, vice-president; M. R. Galusha, treasurer; E. C. Gove, secretary. The following gentlemen comprise the board of trustees: John A. Finch, Charles S. Warren, M. R. Galusha, E. C. Gove, J. B. Jones, of Spokane; Clarence J. McCuaig, Montreal and Phillip Aspinwall of Rossland. J. J. Moynahan is in charge of the work.

Work has been again begun on the Deadwood which is under the control of C. W. ...

The new R. E. Lee company has ordered a complete equipment of machinery for the mine.

Some very fine looking ore is now being taken out of the shaft on the Iron Colt. J. J. Moynahan says he is going to put a saddle on it pretty soon.

The Palo Alto shaft is now down over 70 feet. It shows a strong body of mixed and about eight inches of solid clean ore. Two samples taken last week ran \$24.80 and \$35.20 in gold respectively.

Work is being actively pushed on the Trilby, bought some time ago by J. McMartin. Buildings have been erected and the shaft has been sunk 50 feet. A crosscut is now being run to explore the vein. The showing so far is very favorable.

The Ida Queen Gold Mining company is working eight men on the Ida on Lookout mountain.

The Kolinor company has started work on its prodigious holding on Lookout mountain. Ore has been found on the surface of one of the claims which assays \$17 to the ton in gold and silver.

During the last seven days the Mayflower has shipped three carloads of ore to the smelter.

A company has been formed in Spokane of which John A. Finch is president for the purpose of working the Big Iron and surrounding claims on the reservation about 12 miles from Rossland. This property shows an immense outcrop of iron ore carrying a high percentage of that metal and where capping has been pierced carries gold, silver and copper as well.

The Crown Point group is being worked for all it is worth. A new shaft is being sunk some 200 feet west of the old one and the crosscut tunnel on the Crown Point ground and the tunnel on the Tiger ground are both being driven ahead with the aid of power drills.

E. J. Kelly, superintendent of the Deer Park has returned to Rossland after a somewhat protracted holiday.

The Harrisburg, a promising prospect on Deer Park mountain, has been purchased by J. F. Reddy, of Spokane. F. A. Heinze and P. A. O'Farrell are interested along with him.

The agent of the Kansas City Smelting company of Argentine Kansas has bought a claim on the North Fork of Salmon river on which 12 men have been put to work and will be kept at work all winter.

The rush of surface water consequent on the recent thaw has caused the temporary abandonment of work on a number of claims unprovided with adequate pumping apparatus.

Hon. J. Israel Tarte, who is now in the province, will probably be a visitor to Rossland very shortly.

The Electa and Chief Seattle, two Green Mountain claims owned by Ex-mayor Scott and Dr. Smith of Galt have been sold, through the Smith Hewitt Co. to the Germania Gold Mining company. Development work on the claims increased their value considerably.

M. O. Tibbits, of the Silver Bell company has returned from the Sound cities. He reported that interest in the Trail Creek mines is at its height on the coast.

M. P. Hatch left Rossland for Buffalo the end of last week, taking with him a big block of Red Eagle stock.

Sawyer, Murphey & Co. have opened an office in Montreal in addition to their present branches. F. A. Fenton will run the office.

S. Thornton Langley and J. McTeer Repass have entered into partnership and will open an office for the transaction of their mining business in the Record block. Both gentlemen have been some time in Trail Creek district and have considerable mining experience.

C. J. McCuaig of Montreal purchased the Big Trout, a claim lying at the base of Red Mountain, and also secured control of the Coxe.

J. F. McLaughlin is one of the moving spirits in the endeavor to form a mining stock exchange in Rossland.

A nice body of ore, showing an increased percentage of copper, has just been opened out in the Monte Cristo.

Col. S. W. Ray, the Port Arthur banker, who is gaining prominence as a mining operator, has just purchased the Mayflower No. 2, which adjoins the St. Paul.

The Tacoma board of trade has declared against the proposed government sampling works at Northport.

The Orphan Boy in the Big Bend district, has now a full face of ore in the tunnel, which is in 30 feet. The 20-foot shaft is also in ore. In consequence of the greatly improved showing the stock has gone to 15 cents.

J. K. Clark has let a contract for a 200-foot tunnel on the Red Point.

A 10-drill compressor will be installed on the R. E. Lee.

Eight men are working on the Giant. A tunnel will be driven this winter.

A rumor has been in circulation that Mr. Hirschel Cohen is the agent of Barney Barnato. He is not.

Mr. John Morty of Sun Court, London, Johannesburg and Coolgardie is in Rossland having a look around.

A meeting of the Trustees of the C. & C. company was held in Rossland today. Some hitch has occurred in the negotiations for a sale which have been in progress for some time.

Considerable interest has been manifested in Rossland over the discoveries of copper gold ore reported from Coal Hill near Kamloops. The ore looks all right and if there is lots of it should make a camp.

The Hon. T. M. Daly is visiting Rossland and may identify himself closely with the mining interests of British Columbia.

Robert Dixon has sold out his business in Rossland and returns to Toronto today. He has invested largely in mining stock and is a shareholder in the Iron Colt, Northern Belle, Old Flag, Mascot, Hattie, Silver Bell and Royal Gold. He is also a director in the Waneta-Trail company and one of the chief promoters in the companies being formed to work the Queen Victoria and Norway claims. He is also an original stockholder in the Victory-Triumph.

Work is being steadily pushed forward on the Jeff Davis on Champion creek. The Black Hawk in the same district is likely to be worked all winter.

The Silver Bell company is sacking ore and will probably be the first mine to ship over the Red Mountain railway.