

Mine Centre.

Much excitement prevails here on account of the discovery of rich placer gold in the river from which a crew of men were cutting ice.

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Manitou.

On account of an inflow of water, work on the Brandon syndicate's shaft had to be suspended until machinery can be put in to continue operations.

The property known as HP 301, on Upper Manitou Lake, discovered by Crawford, of Koochiching, and others, and sold for \$15,000 cash, is now under development, and is showing up wonderfully well. At 60 feet, free or visible gold has been struck in great quantities.

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Parry Sound.

Valuable deposits have been found in different parts of McDougall and a good vein is also reported from Horse Shoe Lake, township of Foley.

The richest discovery of gold yet reported in this district has been made in Christie township, not far from Maple Lake, and the assayer's report shows that the quartz carries the enormous quantity of \$5,400 to the ton.

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Wabigoon.

There are now four general stores in active business in this town, and hotel accommodation is inadequate for the numbers that are going into the district.

Three prospects almost in the village are now being developed. The farthest one of these from the station is very little more than a mile away, and the test shaft is now down about 50 feet.

In the Victory vein the shaft is down to a depth of 50 feet and they have drifted 45 feet, the cross cut extends 60 feet. The Mosher mine, bought from Mosher brothers, opposite Combine Island, is also showing up very favorably. The shaft is down 30 feet, and every blast has shown free gold.

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North Hastings.

Gold has been discovered at Chard's Bridge, seven or eight miles from Campbellford.

The Tweed *News* says it is an assured fact that an assay office is to be established in that village.

The Ledyard mine owners are negotiating with an English syndicate for the sale of their property.

The Golding-Moon-Coe gold property in Tudor was bonded to a Toronto company last week for \$15,000.

A few days ago John Badgley discovered what promises to be a very large bed of iron ore on lot 10, 6th con. of Madoc.

A contract has been let to sink a shaft to a depth of 25 feet on the Murray property near Marmora, for the Canadian Gold Fields Ltd.

A well-known Belleville lawyer a few years ago bought 2,000 acres in Elzevir for \$50 at a tax sale. All such land is now in demand by blanket claim men at \$1 per acre.

Mr. Fred. Comerford last week opened up a fine vein of quartz in his farm near Eldorado. This vein is situated within a few hundred yards of the old Richardson gold mine.

Madoc has apparently just discovered it is "in the centre of rich gold fields. Its fences are built of gold quartz, and," says the *Review*, "there is no telling how many

rich samples of gold-bearing rock have been put to the base uses of furnishing the paving of our Madoc streets, and the foundations of our buildings in the years that are past."

Ald. W. A. Hungerford, of Belleville, has men at work stripping the vein on his property next to the Craig mine. The results are confidentially expected to be equal to the Craig, as it is on the same veins.

David Seley is opening up a vein on lot 29 in the 6th con. of Marmora. Some good samples of gold-bearing quartz have been taken out already. He has reached a depth of about four feet. Mr. Bush, of Stirling, has an option on the property.

Mr. Joseph James' mills in Actinolite, five miles from Tweed, are running steadily turning out a car load of actinolite every day. This product is being shipped to Chicago, Montreal, Buffalo, Toledo, Niagara Falls, Winnipeg, Toronto, and other cities for roofing purposes.

Three gangs of miners, nine in each, are starting work this week. One gang will develop a mica mine at Wilberforce. Another will develop a mica mine at Bird's Creek, the property of Membury, Urquhart & Allison, of Toronto. The third gang will open up the Best & Membury copper mine on lot 32, con. 9, of Herschel, near Baptiste.

THE LEDYARD MINE.

The Ledyard Gold Mines Company have received the following letter from McWilliam Nichol who is in charge of operations at the Ledyard mine:—"I am glad to say I have been turning out No. 1 ore all day. I shot and loosened out blocks of quartz as much as team could turn over and visible gold was to be seen in the ore all day, and there is plenty more in sight. I never saw better rock full of honeycomb quartz, the loose gold in nearly all of it. I could turn over Ochry ore and see the particles of gold shining all through it. We have also been opening another new location which looks exceedingly promising. We have quarried out about two tons of rusty quartz which is perforated with sulphurets, with some visible gold through it."

BRITISH COLUMBIA.**Rossland.**

Before the end of this year Rossland will be connected by all-rail communication with Slocan City.

The railways in Slocan are now open and handling ore after two weeks' blockade. This means renewed activity in the whole district.

Ten more gold bricks from the Foley Mine were sent over to Duluth and exhibited "for the benefit of the doubting Thomases". They are the result of 16 days run, weigh 34 lbs. and are worth \$7,500.

News has been received from Sheep creek, a tributary of Salmon river, of a very fine showing of ore on the White Cloud, one of four claims in the Salmo Consolidated group.

Mr. Haskins, President of the Orphan Boy mine, has brought suit for \$33,000 against the directors. The mine will be sold by the sheriff. It cannot now be ascertained what the outcome will be, as the directors decline to talk.

As the result of the land slide near Sheep Creek, on the Red Mountain railroad, six men were killed and a number of the others seriously injured. The men were employed on the railroad. Twelve of them were asleep in camp, when a huge land slide 300

feet wide swept over their camp. Numerous slides have been reported along the railway.

The tunnel in the Red Point on Lookout mountain is now 310 feet, and a new contract for 200 feet was made last week. The depth of the shaft at present is about 300 feet. A good deal of interest is taken in the Red Point work as the test is the deepest of any on Lookout mountain.

THE TRILBY.

Very little doubt now remains that the Trilby has one of the strongest and most continuous ore chutes in the camp. The average value of the ore is believed to be about \$16. No 1 shaft was sunk about 600 feet from the west end line where it is joined by the Celtic Queen and was put down about 50 feet with a good showing of ore from the very beginning. In order to get a better site for a machinery plant, which the company expects to put in, shaft No. 2 was started about midway between No. 1 shaft and the west line.

THE PUG STRIKE.

Additional information shows the strike on the Pug mine to be one of the greatest ever made in the country. A tunnel was being run to cross cut the vein, and had been driven in about 165 feet last Monday, when the foot wall was broken into and the ore found in almost a solid mass.

The tunnel was driven straight ahead and up to last night had penetrated the ore body 14 feet, a steam drill being in use. The ore is a massive sulphide, resembling strongly the typical ore of Rossland, but carrying little copper. One assay is reported to have shown \$27 in gold. Nothing can be learned as to other assays made.

Very little of the Pug stock is on the market, most of it being tied up in a close pool.

THE GOPHER MINE.

Among the new mines which have come through the winter in a creditable manner and which must command much attention from this time forward the Gopher is in the front rank.

Since January there have been over 300 feet of tunnels and crosscuts run. The main tunnel has been driven in 275 towards the Homestake. The mouth of the tunnel is 540 feet from the the Homestake east end line, consequently the tunnel has been put in about half its length so far as the Gopher is concerned. A chute of ore was struck soon after the tunnel was started and this was drifted on 100 feet. Its width varies from three and one-half feet at the beginning to eight feet at the west end.

It is now shown beyond doubt that the Gopher has a very wide, strong ledge and that it has at least one chute of ore 100 feet long in a distance of 275 feet, with a big chance for another chute.

STRIKE AT CROWN POINT.

At last the vein appears to have been found on the Crown Point. There has been deal of anxious enquiry among mining men in the camp on this subject for several weeks, for it was expected the vein would be cut the last of January or first of February.

The face of the drift is on a line with shaft No. 2, which is probably 100 feet west of the No. 1 or old shaft. No. 2 shaft was put down only about 40 feet. If it were to be continued to the 160 foot level it would connect with the drift at the point where the face is now. The ore was found not ten feet away from where Mr Hastings expected to find it. The drift will be continued towards No. 1 shaft with the hope of finding