

Messrs. Harris and Watson, who hold the bond on the Lily May, the pioneer location of the camp, made their second payment of \$8000 on the 8th inst. They say that the property has a most excellent appearance, and is materially improving with development work. The connection between the shaft and the tunnel has been made, and miners are again at work in the shaft, which is now down some 20 feet below the level of the tunnel. The bottom of this shaft is in solid ore, which assays most satisfactorily. The management has just put a third shift to work on this shaft. Everything is being rushed at the mine, as the company is making preparations for the installation of adequate machinery.

There are five carloads of machinery at Northport, billed to the Trail Mining Co., Rossland. This is the 30-drill Ingersoll compressor plant that will be placed on the Columbia and Kootenay properties. The machinery, boilers and all, has been unloaded and taken apart. Martin King, the managing director, is expected to arrive any night now from Chicago. This plant, it is confidently hoped, will be in operation by the 15th prox.

The cross-cut tunnel on the Crown Point is being rapidly pushed by the contractors and is already many feet underground. It will take nearly six months of steady work before this tunnel reaches the point where it is expected that the ore chute should be encountered. This tunnel means much for the future development of the south belt, and if it satisfactorily proves the existence of the ore bodies in this section at a depth of 200 feet, the price of surrounding property will be greatly enhanced. At present nine men are at work building a wagon road that will connect the mine with the main line of the Columbia River and Western railroad. The engineers have surveyed a first-class road, a uniform grade being established the entire distance. It will only be a mile in length, and should be completed within the next ten or twelve days. There are at least twelve hundred tons of shipping ore on the dump. This ore will be shipped at once.

Since my last writing, the line of the Columbia River and Western Ry. has been completed to the town of Rossland, and now Rossland has two trains a day from Trail. The line has not been completed to the LeRoi mine yet, but it is confidently expected that ore hauling will commence before the 20th inst. There are no bridges or other obstacles in the way of rapid tracklaying to be encountered. F. A. Heinze, the owner and promoter of this road, was in Rossland during the past week. When asked regarding his intention of constructing this road to the west during the coming summer, Mr. Heinze was inclined to be reticent. However, in company with Chester Glass, of Spokane, he left for the East on Thursday, presumably in connection with the securing of funds for the rapid construction of the Columbia River and Western into the Boundary Creek camp during the coming summer and fall.

Since my last writing the Le Roi Mining and Smelting Co. have declared another dividend of 5 cents per share, or \$25,000. This makes a total of \$175,000 in dividends paid by this company since last October. The mine is in splendid shape and everything is now in readiness for the output of a large quantity of ore during the balance of the year. It is estimated that this company has nearly 10,000 tons of high grade ore on the dump, awaiting transportation to the Trail smelter.

The truth of the many conflicting reports anent the sale of the three most famous of the Trail Creek mines is as follows:—At a meeting of the directors of the War Eagle and Iron Mask Gold Mining Companies, held on the 20th of May last, in Spokane, an option, expiring on the 1st day of August next, was voted in favor of D. C. Corbin, President of the Spokane and Northern Railway Co., for the purchase of both properties for \$1,500,000 cash, being \$1,000,000 for the War Eagle, and \$500,000 for the Iron Mask. It is almost a foregone conclusion that the deal will be made, as Mr. Corbin is now extending his line from Northport to Rossland. Both mines will be operated in conjunction with the railroad. Both properties are showing up remarkably well, and are daily shipping all ore extracted in development work. The Iron Mask management has just started a large shaft, at the mouth of the tunnel on Centre Star creek. At a depth of 25 ft. there is 3 ft. of solid ore on the hanging-wall that will average \$60 in gold and 10 per cent. in copper. It is the richest, uniformly, of any ore yet uncovered in Trail Creek.

May has been a month for deals of magnitude in mines and prospects of the Trail Creek camp. In addition to the sale of the War Eagle and Iron Mask, the following properties have changed hands at the prices mentioned after them:—City of Spokane, \$65,000; Colonna, \$40,000; Iron Horse, \$25,000; Enterprise, \$25,000; Red Mountain, \$16,000; Curlew, \$7,000; Camp Bird and Consolation, \$8,000; San Joaquin, \$5,000; St. Paul, \$3,000; View, \$6,000. Many smaller sales have been made, but these are the most important.

Development work in the south belt continues apace, and every property that is having any work done on it has stood the ordeal wonderfully well. At the Lily May a connection has been made between the tunnel and the shaft, and now there is a good supply of pure air, which greatly facilitates development work. Miners have been put to work again in the shaft, and now at a depth of 80 ft. it shows up a solid bottom of ore, which the owners say averages wonderfully well both in gold and copper. Thirteen men are at work on this property.

The machinery formerly installed at the R. E. Lee mine has been bought by the Commander Mining and Smelting Co., and placed on the Commander mine. The plant consists of a hoist, sinking pump, and two steam drills. The shaft has been sunk 30 ft. since the present company took hold, and the superintendent informs your correspondent that the mine never had such an encouraging appearance. There is a large shaft full of high grade gold and copper ore. It is the intention of the management to ship what ore has been taken out (about 60 tons). Drifts will be run each way from the 100 ft. level.

There have been no material changes in the prices of Trail Creek's stocks during the month. Monte Cristo and Crown Point are among the many that have made their appearance during the month, and are selling well. A feature of the market was the offer of a small block of LeRoi (120 shares). It was quickly taken and brought \$5.60 per share. Speculation in War Eagle and Iron Mask is very quiet on account of the option to Corbin. Josie and Poorman continue to be about the best speculative stocks on the market. They are both looking extremely well and are shipping ore.

[NOTE.—No stocks are listed in this table unless the property on which they are founded has been fully paid for and the title perfected.]

Quotations corrected weekly by Reddin & Jackson, Mining Brokers, Rossland, B.C.

Caledonia Con.....	.06	Mayflower.....	.16
Crown Point.....	.20	Monte Cristo.....	.19
Deer Park.....	.07½	O. K.....	.34
Evening Star.....	.16	Paris Belle.....	.09
Georgia.....	—	Phoenix.....	.10
Gertrude.....	.10	Poorman.....	.13½
Great Western.....	.15	Silverine.....	.10
High Ore.....	.09	St. Elmo.....	.14
Iron Mask.....	.77½	Virginia.....	.30
Josie.....	.55	War Eagle.....	1.75
Jumbo.....	1.10	West Le Roi.....	.16

No Le Roi, Centre Star, Idaho, or Trail Mining Co. on the market.

### Boundary Creek.

John Weir, who bonded the "Copper" claim, Copper camp, and the "No. 7," White's camp, has since bonded the two extensions of the "No. 7,"—the "Rob Roy" and "Falcon." The old shaft on the "No. 7" is being cleaned out and timbered, and in a few days a contract will be let for its continuation. The two-foot vein on this property can be traced through the three full claims, and in the shaft on the "Falcon" shows ore almost identical with that in the "No. 7" shaft.

A contract has been let for a hundred-foot shaft on the "Copper." The shaft is being sunk vertically at the contact of the ore body and the porphyry, and, considering the dip of the vein, the shaft, it is expected, will be in about the centre of the ore body at that level. When this level is reached drifting and cross-cutting will be commenced, at once and pushed with all possible speed, as the holders have only a six months' bond on the property. The shaft is now down about 26 ft.

The "Oro Dinero" in Summit camp has been bonded to John M. Burke for \$30,000, and it is understood, by him again to Ross Thompson, of Rossland. Considerable surface development has been done, but no depth as yet has been attained. The ore is chalcopryite, carrying silver and some gold.

The "R. Bell" group of claims in Summit camp is bonded by Mr. Hanley, (superintendent of the Old Dominion mine) it is understood, for Salt Lake parties. The bond is said to be for \$12,000, but the amount is not really known at present. The "R. Bell" claim was located last fall and is the direct extension of the "Cordick," owned by Capt. R. C. Adams. The chalcopryite carries a high value in silver.

The shaft being sunk at the end of the long cross-cut tunnel on "Gold Drop," Greenwood camp, on the hanging wall side, is down some 60 ft. The ore is becoming higher grade; the gold value being now \$12 to \$19 per ton. The diamond drill has been moved on the "Snowshoe" from the lower to the upper vein.

It is known that a ten days' option has just been given on the "Winnipeg," but neither the amount nor the parties interested can be learned. This is the claim, it will be remembered, which was bonded last fall by Mr. Toole for Marcus Daly for \$60,000, but was later on thrown up. The ore is high grade pyrrhotite and copper pyrites.

A contract for a hundred-foot shaft on the Old Ironsides is to be let in a few days by the Old Ironsides Mining Co. This company was formed in Spokane early last fall. Capital stock, \$1,000,000, in shares of \$1 each. The stock is now quoted at 15c. and bids fair to rise in the near future.

The Republic Gold Mining Co., capital stock \$750,000, in shares of \$1 each, has just been formed to work the "Republic," "None Such" and "Last Chance" claims, Smith's camp. Considerable work has already been done on all three properties. Stock is offered at present at 12½c.

It is expected that Greenwood city will soon be supplied with a water system. The Greenwood City Waterworks and Power Co. are building a dam up Trim creek, which will furnish a head of 300 ft. It is the intention of the company also to install an electric lighting plant, with power from Copper creek.

## MINING IN NOVA SCOTIA.

*Fifteen Mile Stream.*—Mining operations have been carried on in this district for a good many years by different companies and with varied success. The New Egerton Co. took the property over a few years ago from the Egerton Co., and subsequently amalgamated with the Stanley Co., who were also at that time operating in this district. The New Egerton Syndicate is mainly composed of New Glasgow people, the firm J. D. and P. A. McGregor being the largest and managing owners. Mr. George McNaughton has had the management of the mine for the last year, and has been gradually getting it into shape. In the past a 15-stamp mill and three machine drills have been running. These have been found totally inadequate to cope with the supply of ore, and the company are now erecting a new 30-stamp mill, with rock-breaker and all modern improvements. They are also putting in a new 12 x 18 in. Rand air compressor, capable of working nine rock drills. It is expected that the new plant will be ready by the end of July and the owners anticipate doubling the yield of gold with 50 per cent. more men.

During the last six months the mine has yielded on an average 350 oz. of gold per month, with a pay-roll of about 40 men.

The company have applied for incorporation, and propose turning the affair into a joint stock company. We hope to give a detailed account of this mine after the new machinery is in running order.

Mr. Adolph Thies paid a visit to the North Brookfield mine last month, and made an examination of the plant and mine. So satisfied is he of the value of the property that he made a substantial offer for a share of it; but the Brookfield Associates