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TONNAGE WAS LARGE

Output For Last Week Over 1000 Tons Daily.

News of Rossland's Mines For Week Closing Yesterday.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

The output from the Rossland camp for the week ending last night is slightly below normal, largely due to decreased consumption at the Le Roi smelter, where the number of furnaces in operation has been reduced pending increased coke supplies from East Kootenay. The work of the mines has proceeded without cessation, and marked advances have been accomplished, particularly in connection with the smaller properties that are enlarging the scope of their operations.

Increased coke supplies will have an important effect on local production, and it is disappointing that the promised improvement in this direction does not seem to have materialized as yet. It will be noted that the Jumbo mine is forwarding a consignment of ore to the Trail smelter for experimental purposes. The I. X. L. is again to the front with a shipment to the Le Roi smelter, and while the Giant is absent from the shipping list for last week, teaming has been resumed and the company has placed an order for cars to be used regularly for an indefinite period. Much interest has naturally centered about the construction work at the Le Roi Two and White Bear mines, both of which have made good progress with building during the week.

THE OUTPUT.

Shipments from the Rossland camp for the week ending August 1 and for the year to date are as follows:	Week	Year
Le Roi.....	3320	106,185
Centre Star.....	1530	48,415
War Eagle.....	1080	34,835
Kootenay.....	420	4,186
Le Roi No. 2.....	630	15,542
Velvet.....	.....	2,376
Giant.....	150	698
Jumbo.....	.....	297
I. X. L.....	.....	20
White Bear.....	.....	25
O. K.....	.....	90
Homestake.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	7770	216,762

AMONG THE MINES.

LE ROI—The past week brought forward practically nothing of special interest in connection with the big property. Production has been maintained at the usual standard, and development has been carried along as usual. Prospecting is actively under way on the lower levels. The drift on the 1200 is being continued steadily, and during the week work was resumed in the drift to the southwest from the shaft on the 1350 foot level. In addition a down hole is being bored with the diamond drill on the 1350 level.

CENTRE STAR-WAR EAGLE—The week passed uneventfully at the mines. Stopping, development and exploration have been carried ahead on conventional lines, and nothing of importance has developed, so far as is known. It is notable in connection with the Centre Star that the flow of water in the mine has been decreased to a remarkable extent since the unwatering of the Nickel Plate has been well under way. At the concentrating works in Silica, work has been proceeded with along the lines followed for several months past.

LE ROI TWO—Little of more than ordinary interest has transpired during the past week. In the Josie and No. 1 mines operations have been conducted as usual, and production has been practically at normal figures. No special change in this respect is anticipated until the expiry of the company's contract with the Northport smelter.

KOOTENAY—Work is now well under way on the fifth level of the mine. Following the remarkable success attained on the third, fourth and intermediate levels, the company has gone into the fifth level with a view to proving the continuation of the shoots of the mine, and in which success is almost assured by reason of the work already accomplished. Shipments for the month ending on Friday are slightly in excess of the previous month, but the output is limited by the transportation facilities available.

NICKEL PLATE—Unwatering has been completed down to the 600 level, and the balance of the work will continue but a short time. The management has not as yet indicated its policy on the completion of the pumping operations.

GREAT WESTERN—Tomorrow should see the commencement of actual pumping at the mine, the past week having been devoted to overhauling the boilers and setting up pumps. Sinking of the shaft is being utilized for the purpose of preventing the use of balling tanks as has been done at the Nickel Plate. As soon as the water is below the 100 level, the examination and sampling of the mine will be proceeded with.

SPITZEE—During the week the

work in the shaft preliminary to a start on the first level was completed, and the latter work is now under way. Interesting developments are expected in the course of a few weeks.

WHITE BEAR—General surface and underground work has been carried ahead steadily, but important developments are not expected pending the installation of the excellent mechanical plant ordered for the property. Within a few weeks it is expected that the continuation of the main shaft to the 1000 level will be well underway. The excavation for the spur to the Spokane Falls & Northern is well under way at the present time.

WEST END—It will be noted that the I. X. L. is again in the shipping list, a thirty-ton consignment having been sent to Trail for experimental purposes. It is believed that the exploratory work under way at the mine may result in interesting developments at a comparatively early date, as the result of the workings being pushed into the virgin ground east of the old levels and toward the O. K. mine.

JUMBO—Work has been conducted with the most satisfactory results during the week, and is to be maintained on its present basis until a contract is concluded for the sale of the ore to one or other of the smelters.

ST. JOSEPH'S—The report from Murphy creek is that work is being carried on continuously, and that the showing secured on the big free-milling vein is satisfactory to the management.

BOUNDARY SHIPMENTS.

The Granby smelter last week treated 8822 tons, making a total of 186,307 tons for the year.	Week	Total
Granby.....	8295	197,730
Mother Lode.....	3100	58,830
Snowshoe.....	1560	32,772
B. C.....	600	18,475
Emma.....	.....	10,016
Sunset.....	256	4,481
Providence.....	.....	634
Oro Denoro.....	320	620
Atholstan.....	60	435
Elkhorn.....	.....	129
Totals.....	14,191	328,173

A WELCOME VISITOR

DR. ARMSTRONG, OF SPOKANE, AN OLD TIME RESIDENT OF THE CITY.

FORMER DAYS AND FORMER DWELLERS IN ROSSLAND RECALLED.

Dr. George S. Armstrong, of Spokane, an erstwhile and prominent medical practitioner of Rossland, is a visitor in the city as the guest of Dr. and Mrs. McKenzie.

Dr. Armstrong is now a resident of Spokane. He is a splendid type of good Canadianism, but has, nevertheless, made his home in the neighboring state of Washington.

During his residence there he has become famous in the state as a physician and a surgeon and served in many ways as an officer of the state in his medical capacity. As a member of the state board of health, Dr. Armstrong fulfilled a mission that was eminently satisfactory from the standpoint of a state official, as well as a good samaritan. His reports to his department were both concise and pertinent, and he earned for himself a reputation that made the state board of health famous during his regime.

Dr. Armstrong has large vested interests in Rossland that will make him a rich man in the near future. He is in the Golden City at the present time for the purpose of attending to them. It is probable that Dr. Armstrong will dispose of some valuable real estate before leaving the city.

In speaking of old-time conditions in the Rossland camp, Dr. Armstrong became reminiscent yesterday. Among other old-timers he referred to H. E. D. Merry, who was a prominent official of the B. A. C. in its palmy days. The doctor states that Mr. Merry, from whom he heard quite recently, is now manager of the Rex Mining and Smelting company at Avoca, Tasmania.

The genial doctor has been in rapport with many other erstwhile Rosslanders since leaving the camp. He positively denies the rumor that John M. Burke is in an asylum. As a matter of fact, the doctor says Major Burke is enjoying the best of health at the present time in Nevada.

In his peregrinations north and south, Dr. Armstrong has met many old-timers of this camp, and has found a majority of them in prosperous circumstances. Nevertheless, he declares that each and all of them say that Rossland offers the best opportunities for profitable mining and that this camp will see many of its earlier inhabitants permanently located here again in the near future.

NOT JUST YET.
Too Soon for Statement as to Centre Star Concentrator.

A report has been in circulation for several days to the effect that the War Eagle-Centre Star companies had arrived at a definite decision in the matter of the erection of concentrating works.

THE BEST INVESTMENT IN ROSSLAND—Advertise in the Rossland Miner. 25 cents per page.

General News Of the Kootenay

EAST KOOTENAY.

A goodly number of Conservatives from Moyie, Marysville, Kimberly, Fort Steele, Perry creek and other points in the district met at Cranbrook last week for the purpose of forming a Conservative central association. Mr. Anderson, of Cranbrook, occupied the chair, and G. H. Thompson was elected secretary and treasurer. The election of officers resulted as follows: G. H. Thompson, Cranbrook, secretary-treasurer; C. H. Brown, Ryan, A. P. McDonald, Moyie, F. Brown, Palmer's Bar, James Ryan, Cranbrook, L. M. Mansfield, Marysville, Wm. Noble, Perry creek, J. A. Harvey, Fort Steele, N. Hanson, Wase, and A. B. Fenwick, Wardner, Vice-presidents. The report of that Perry creek branch should be represented by one delegate each at the nominating convention to be held August 15. The nominating convention will be held at Cranbrook August 15th, place of meeting Wentworth hall at 8 p. m.

Two million feet of logs are now in the Kootenay river from points north of Fort Steele. The boom at Wardner is now attaining immense proportions, and contains over three million feet of logs.

William Fleet Roberson, provincial mineralogist, recently visited the Ptarmigan and Paradise mines. At the Paradise there is over 50,000 tons of shipping ore in sight. He considers the Ptarmigan and Paradise as two of the big mines of the province. He was also surprised at the vast showing of ore in the Sullivan mine, and predicts a great future for this property under careful management.

At the North Star there is enough ore blocked out to keep the mine shipping steadily for six months.

Haying is general in the Kootenay valley, but help very scarce, \$45 and \$50 per month and board being paid and men hard to get.

The bartenders of Fernie were ordered out on strike last week by officers of the bartenders' union. As a result the proprietors of several hotels are behind their own bars dispensing drinks. Some time ago the union instructed their secretary to advise the proprietors of a uniform rate of wages, \$70 per month with board and room, or \$90 a month without board and room, 10 hours to constitute a shift, and extra shifts \$3.50 each. Little or no notice was taken of the demand, and, true to their threat, the bartenders quit work.

It looks as though the coming political contest in Fernie riding will be between Harry Bentley of Fernie or J. A. Harvey of Fort Steele, Conservative; Macpherson, Socialist; Michel; and Dr. Wilson, Liberal, Morrissey Mines.

A. H. Reeder, a coal expert from Pennsylvania, has been employed by the C. P. R. to assist C. M. Hammett in reporting on the coal prospects up the Elk north of Michel. These gentlemen have been up in that neighborhood all week making a thorough examination. It is understood that the C. P. R. require an extensive and absolutely correct report before going ahead with the extensive development work on their coal claims, which has been contemplated for some time.

THE BOUNDARY.

Heavy shipments of horses are being made from South Yale to the Northwest Territories.

August 8th is the date of the holding of primaries in the Grand Forks riding for the election of delegates to a Conservative nominating convention to be held at Grand Forks Saturday, August 15th, at 2:30 p. m. At the various primaries the following delegates will be elected: Grand Forks, 6; Phoenix, 4; Columbia, 3; Cascade, 1; Gladstone, 1. The primaries will be held at the above named places.

The constitution and constitution of the Grand Forks Harmony Lodge No. 37, A. F. & A. M., took place yesterday. Several grand lodge officials were at the Forks for that occasion, including the Rev. Ensor Sharp, M. A., rector of St. Paul's, Esquimaux, the grand master; James H. Schofield, D. D. G. M., mayor of Trail; Robert E. Brett, Esq., grand secretary (secretary Provincial Mining Association), and the Rev. E. P. Flewelling, past grand chaplain, rector of St. John's, Phoenix. There were a number of visitors from Rossland, Trail, Greenwood, Phoenix, Republic and Spokane.

General regret is expressed at the untimely death of J. H. Fox who recently succumbed to typhoid at Kalespell, Montana. Mr. Fox was a pioneer in the Boundary and owned a large interest in the Golden Eagle. He was a man of sterling worth. He hailed from Pennsylvania and lived in the west for twenty-five years.

Hon. E. J. Davis, commissioner of crown grants in the Ontario government, Charles C. Van Norman, Toronto, and W. B. Blakemore, M. E., coal expert, are examining the north fork coal fields. Messrs. Davis and Van Norman are directors of the company, Mr. Blakemore being their expert.

Last week as Lung Jim, a Chinese vegetable man, was returning from Midway to Boundary Falls he lost a purse containing about \$75. Robert Kerr of Boundary Falls found the purse and after inquiries returned the money on Monday to its owner, who was exceedingly pleased and grateful.

During the first six months of this

year, according to the financial statement, the city of Grand Forks expended \$33,108.46.

C. A. Stoess and Captain Disbrow have returned from the North Fork to Grand Forks. They have completed the survey of the Franklin Camp road, and report that they obtained a very easy grade for the same.

Mamie Barrett, the eleven year old daughter of Miles Barrett, foreman at the Granby smelter, received a vicious bite from a rattlesnake while picking berries a few days ago on Observation mountain. Medical treatment saved her life. She is now progressing nicely.

Good progress with the extension of the North Fork wagon road continues to be made. The road gang is now at a point about twenty-two miles from Grand Forks.

Shipments of ore from the Oro Denoro are being increased.

Last week's B. C. mine shipments were the last from that property, which has ceased operations.

Early this month it is the intention to make an experimental shipment of five tons of ore from the Betts and Hesperus claims, on Harley mountain, now being developed by Chicago capital.

Coke shortage last week troubled the Greenwood smelter to such an extent that one furnace had to be blown out, leaving but one in commission there, as well as one at the Sunnyside smelter.

The work of installing the new 150 horse power boiler, manufactured by the Jencks Machine Co., at the Snowshoe mine, has been completed, and it will be placed in commission as soon as the government inspector passes upon it.

THE SLOCAN.

The road to the Fisher Maiden, connecting the property with the Four-Mile road, is to be built at once, and the working force at the mine largely increased. Development near the workings abandoned under the old regime, has uncovered another rich vein of ore.

A meeting of mine owners and managers, and others interested on Silverlead mining, has been held at Sandon. Twenty-nine mining companies were represented, and three individual owners were present. The meeting was for the purpose of affecting a permanent organization, and was most harmonious throughout.

The selling committee is composed of the following: George Alexander, Byron N. White, Donald J. Forbes, A. C. Garde and W. E. Zwickey. This committee has exclusive control of the ore output of the mines of the association, to dispose of the same to the best advantage of its members, the smelter returns to be made direct to the producer of the ore.

THE LARDEAU.

A branch of the Conservative association was organized at Camborne last week. The attendance was not as large as it might have been owing to the short notice given. B. E. Drew was appointed chairman of the meeting, with G. R. Clark secretary. T. Taylor, ex-M. P. P., gave a short address, followed by local politicians, after which the following were elected officers of the local branch: James Lade, president; James Otto, first vice-president; J. A. Dargah, second vice-president; C. McDowell, secretary; an executive committee was also appointed.

One hundred and sixty-two applications to be placed on the voters' list have been taken so far at Camborne. It is estimated that before the list closes on August 14th the applications here will number 250.

In the No. 7 tunnel of the Eva it is expected that the No. 2 vein will be tapped within the next two weeks. Three shifts are at work in the No. 3 tunnel, which is opening up ore of a good grade.

A force of men have started work on the Boyd Lexington trail. The work comprises the removing of about 300 feet of a bluff, which has been impassable, necessitating the crossing and re-crossing of Fish river in order to visit properties situated on Boyd and Lexington creeks. The completion of this work will prove a great benefit to claim holders in that section.

Another mining deal of interest in the Trout Lake district was closed last week, when G. Stead, who owns the Lucky Jack, Horsehoe, Ethel, X Y Z, Blue Jay, and C. H., near Trout Lake, closed negotiations which had been pending for some months, for the purchase of the Alice property, owned by Abraham Brown and J. O. Piper, each holding a half interest. The price paid has not been divulged, but it is said to be a considerable amount, a first payment of which was made on the spot, the balance being due in equal payments at six and twelve months.

REVELSTOKE.

That the business of Revelstoke and vicinity is increasing rapidly is shown by the large increase in the customs and inland revenue receipts during the past three years at the local office. For the year ending June 30th, 1901, the receipts were \$10,000, and this amount was doubled the following year; but

the year ending June 30th last far exceeds past records and gives a return of nearly \$30,000. Of this splendid showing a considerable proportion was realized on mining machinery, the importation of which is in itself a grand indication of the advancement being made in the mining industry of the district. Probably the best evidence of the continued prosperity of Revelstoke is the decision of the Imperial Bank to at once proceed with the erection of a brick and stone block at the southeast corner of McKenzie avenue and First street, opposite the Molson's bank building.

THE STOCK MARKET.

The local market has seldom seen a duller week than that just past. Sales were few and small in bulk, while there was no feature much worthy of note. Prices were very little changed. Giant sold most freely of the stocks, generally at a figure below 50.

Revelstoke Lion was strong on account of the resumption of work at the mine. Of the silver-lead stocks, American Boy alone showed any degree of strength, though there were no marked declines.

	asked	Bid
American Boy.....	5	4 1/2
Ben Hur.....	5 1/2	4 1/2
Black Tea.....	4 1/2	3 1/2
Canadian G. F.....	5	4 1/2
Cariboo McK (ex-div.).....	12	11 1/2
Centre Star.....	26	23
Fairview.....	5	4 1/2
Fisher Maiden.....	3	2 1/2
Giant.....	3	2 1/2
Granby Consolidated.....	\$5.00	\$4.00
Lone Pine.....	13	12 1/2
Morning Glory.....	2	1 1/2
Mountain Lion.....	25	23
North Star.....	11 1/2	9 1/2
Payne.....	17	15 1/2
Quib.....	32	29
Rambler-Cariboo.....	5	4 1/2
San Paul.....	5 1/2	4 1/2
Sullivan.....	5 1/2	4 1/2
Tom Thumb.....	4 1/2	3 1/2
War Eagle.....	11 1/2	10
Waterloo.....	7	5 1/2
White Bear (ass. paid).....	4 1/2	3 1/2

SALES.

Rambler-Cariboo, 1000, 41; Giant, 2000, 3; American Boy, 2000, 43-4; Mountain Lion, 2000, 300, 23; War Eagle, 500, 11. Total, 6500.

Cariboo McKinney, 500 at 11 1-2; Centre Star, 1000 at 25 1-2; Mountain Lion, 2000 at 23 1-2. Total, 3500.

Centre Star, 1000 at 26; Giant, 2000 at 23 1-2; Mountain Lion, 500 at 23; Morning Glory, 2000 at 22. Total, 7000.

Centre Star, 1000 at 25 1-2; Giant, 2000 at 23 1-2; Mountain Lion, 500 at 23 1-2; American Boy, 2000 at 43-4. Total, 6500.

Rambler-Cariboo, 1000 at 5; Giant, 2000 at 23 1-2; War Eagle, 1000, 11. Total, 8000.

GOLD IN THE NORTH.

Another Strike Reported from the Pelly River.

VANCOUVER, Aug. 4.—A special from Dawson says: Another big strike is reported on the Pelly river, near its head. A steamer left at midnight on Saturday with 40 people to stake claims. The discovery was made by Robert Henderson, the discoverer of the first gold in the Klondike. A townsite is taken up already. The new grounds are fairly accessible, and are reported very rich.

The White Horse strike is genuine. Miners returning all report favorably, although the grounds are not found remarkably rich as yet.

The only lower Yukon steamer that was not encouraging to transportation people who operate via St. Michael. The Powers is the pioneer of the lower river fleet. She reported low water all the way up the Yukon.

On July 24th the steamer Kerr reached Eagle City, but has not yet been reported at Dawson. The Kerr announced that she had passed the steamer Sarah stuck in a bar 20 miles below Circle City. The Hannah and the Leah were behind the Kerr.

At Dawson about 200 people await steamers to take them down the river. The water on the upper Yukon is reported to be shallowing rapidly. Already some of the large steamers are having difficulty in passing. Only the lightest draught vessels will be operating at the end of the month.

THE SHAMROCKS.

New Challenger Again Led the Old One in a Race.

ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS, Aug. 4.—Captain Wringe, of Shamrock III, and Captain Bevis, of Shamrock I, had a stirring contest in today's race off Scotland Lightship, and the masterly fashion in which the clever skippers handled the big racers delighted Sir Thomas Lipton and his guests. Captain Wringe sent the challenger over the line with the old boat under her lee for a line beat to windward, and a run home in a rattling 12 knot breeze from the south east. Wringe blanketed his rival for fifteen minutes, and when the latter tacked, followed him, and held his position. Seven tacks were made in three minutes, each time Shamrock III holding the old boat on her lee. Then Captain Bevis got his wind clear. Shamrock III drew rapidly ahead, however, and at the turn was cup hunter added almost five minutes to her victory.

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FIRST DAY'S DOINGS

OUTLINE OF PROGRAM FOR THE FIRST DAY OF THE CARNIVAL.

CONDUCTOR IRVING TALKS ABOUT THE BIG CROWD COMING.

There will be a meeting of the lacrosse committee this afternoon at 4 o'clock. All members are particularly requested to be present, as business of importance will come up. James G. Irving, manager of the trainmen's picnic committee, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Irving has been doing splendid work in advertising the carnival throughout the Boundary country and Nelson district, and assures the carnival committee that the trainmen will bring a large number of visitors to Rossland on the 25th. The Brotherhood of Trainmen are advertising extensively, and the carnival committee are flooding the country with advertising matter also.

The following program has been mapped out for the first day, August 25th: 10 a. m. Grand parade. 11 a. m. The children's sports and parade; 100-yard open footrace. Band race; Chinamen's race, carrying baskets with 50 pounds of vegetables. 12 noon. Railway and smeltermen's tugs of war; pony race; milltiemen's race in heavy marching order; minor athletic sports. 2 p. m. Baseball and lacrosse at the ball grounds. 5 p. m. Drilling contests; machine, double and single hand. 5:30 p. m. Hub and hub race. 6 p. m. Free for all horse race. Between heats the famous guileless pacer "Doctor M" will give speed exhibitions. 7 p. m. Prospectors' race; carrying pack with pick, shovel and fryingpan attached. 8 p. m. Farce comedy at opera house.

10 p. m. Complimentary dances at opera house and Miners' Union hall; boxing contests at the rink; fireworks on Mount Roberts.

There will be no lost time during the day, as the committee have such an extensive program to pull off that events will follow each other rapidly. An equally strong program is held over for the second day—including wet test, gentlemen's saddle races, 220-yard footrace, etc., etc.

Al Davis, manager of the baseball team, is recipient of a letter from Colville stating that their team is coming here to play, and that they are bringing a big crowd with them. Similar advices are to hand from Northport. The success of the carnival is undoubtedly assured.

RAN THE RIVER.

Mine Officials' Adventurous Trip Down Brawling Columbia.

T. G. Blackstock, managing director of the War Eagle-Centre Star companies, will have an interesting tale of adventure on the mighty waters of the Columbia river to relate to his Toronto friends on his return to Ontario's Queen City.

He has just returned, with Edmund B. Kirby, general manager of the companies, from a fishing trip to the Slocan Crossing pools. In the course of which a number of magnificent trout were landed. Instead of taking the conventional means of reaching Trail from West Robson, the two gentlemen essayed the river trip. A boat was procured at Robson, and the twenty-five mile run made in rapid time. The river is high at the present time, and sweeps along with majestic force. To careful boatmen there is no special danger in the trip, but at many points the current is so swift and strong that an error of judgment in handling a small craft would mean certain shipwreck and possible serious results. No such accident marred Messrs. Blackstock and Kirby's trip, however, and both enjoyed the experience immensely.

SCHWAB IS OUT.

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—The resignation of Charles M. Schwab as president of the United States Steel Corporation was presented to the directors this afternoon and was accepted. W. E. Cory was elected president of the corporation. Mr. Schwab said his resignation was due to ill health. He says he will remain a director of the company.

MR. BAYNE VERY LOW.

After repeated telegraphic messages to northern points with a view to ascertaining the condition of George H. Bayne, managing director of the Homestake mine, Alfred McMillan succeeded in eliciting the following reply yesterday from a well known Ferguson mining man:

"Bayne very low. Have hopes. Writing. (Signed) G. B. BATHO." The intelligence causes Mr. Bayne's Rossland friends the greatest anxiety, but it is hoped that his magnificent physique will pull him through the after effects of his terrible experience with the silver-upt bear.