

GRAND FORKS INTELLIGENCE

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Grand Forks, B. C., Nov. 22.—[Special.]—Nearly 300 men are employed in the construction of the Granby smelter, which will be in operation about March 1st, 1920. The reduction works represent an investment of \$300,000.

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Three shifts are employed on both the Volcanic and Earthquake, near-by properties. Never in their history have the Pathfinder and Diamond Hites looked better. The same can be said of the Kittiwake, a Pathfinder mountain proposition that promises to be a winner.

Work will shortly be resumed on the Little Bertha. Cabins for the accommodation of the men are now being erected. Besides a lot of surface prospecting, a 40-foot tunnel has been run through the ledge, which is about three feet wide.

This is a free milling proposition, and assays as high as \$100 in gold per ton have been obtained. The average in the face of the tunnel gives values of \$36 in gold and 11 ounces of silver per ton.

Seventeen men have just completed building a wagon road to the Bonanza, about five miles beyond. Sinking in the main working shaft will be resumed as soon as the hoist and steam pump is installed.

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