

THE SPITZEE'S NEW EPOCH

Capitalists Take Hold of Wellknown Rossland Mine.

More Ground Is Secured-- Working Capital Provided.

The effort to interest English capital in the Spitzee mine has been successful in an eminent degree, and Rossland will have another important mining enterprise on the working list in the immediate future. The company has a substantial sum for working capital, the Nelson and Derby claims added to the property and plans completed for a new shaft house and a five drill compressor plant.

Frank A. Hewer, who has been abroad for the past year in the interests of the Spitzee, will be in Rossland about the middle of March, and the work of reopening the mine and equipping it on the broad scale adopted will be commenced on or about April 10.

One of the most important features in connection with the future of the Spitzee is the acquisition by the company of the Derby and Nelson No. 2 claims to the west of the Spitzee. These claims were formerly owned by a French syndicate represented in the Kootenays by Lucien Weyl. The price paid by the Spitzee people for the two claims was \$70,000, part of which was taken in shares by the French owners. As the Derby claims have surface rights in populous residential sections of the city, they are an important asset from this standpoint alone. For the Spitzee's purposes their acquisition is especially important inasmuch as it gives the company a big extension of working area to the west, and surface ground for the works which are necessary to the carrying out of the plans for new headworks.

The company's plans for the immediate future call for the erection of a new shaft house at a point on the property nearer the center of the known ore body, and the installation of a compressor plant of at least five-drill capacity. These works will be arranged to permit of extensions at any time when occasion demands.

With its treasury thus arranged, and plans marked out for the providing of plant necessary to conduct development on a considerable scale, the Spitzee will enter an entirely new era in its history. The opinions of all the well known mining men who have visited Rossland have been unanimous as to the merits of the property. Hitherto its development has been carried on by local people, whose resources were naturally limited. Even under these conditions the mine was opened up down to the 100 foot level, a drift was run for almost 50 feet in ore, and a considerable amount of ore was shipped to the Trail smelter. The lowest smelter returns received were \$13 net per ton and the maximum \$22 per ton, a handsome profit remaining to the company even on the lowest grade shipped.

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STOLE SOME MATTE

A NORTHPORT BUSINESS MAN ARRESTED REHANDING YESTERDAY.

HIS GUILT DISCOVERED BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS--SWAG RECOVERED.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

A sensational case of matte stealing from the Northport smelter developed at Northport yesterday, when George E. Bartlett, prominent business man and ex-member of the town council, was arrested charged with stealing "sows," or furnace bottoms, valued at not less than \$1000. Bartlett was about to leave the town, presumably for the purpose of disposing of the loot. Three hundred pounds of the valuable smelter product was found in his house.

Bartlett has been suspected of implication in the thefts from the smelter for some time. It was believed that he was a "fence" for dishonest smelters to unload the results of their thefts. The manner in which his guilt was finally discovered is quite unusual.

About a week ago Bartlett was to have left town and sent his baggage to the Spokane Falls & Northern depot to be checked to Spokane. The baggageman refused to check the trunk on account of its excessive weight, and the customs officers became suspicious and quietly opened the trunk, as they are empowered to do. The receptacle contained no smuggled goods, but it was full of matte, or pieces of furnace bottoms. Bartlett was not informed of the search, and took the trunk home to repack it. The smelter people intended to wait until he again attempted to leave Northport, but finally became impatient and secured a search warrant for Bartlett's house. The warrant was executed, and in the trunk was found from 250 to 300 pounds of valuable smelter material, estimated to be worth from \$1000 to \$1200.

A warrant was then issued for Bartlett's arrest and executed yesterday morning. He was held under bonds of \$5000, which had not been deposited up to last night. A preliminary hearing of the case is set down for February 14. The prisoner is a news dealer and is well known throughout the district.

A RICH DISTRICT

Camborne and Fish River Camps Yield High Values.

The formation of a British Columbia Miners' Association on the coast, I think, a move in the right direction. The coast people were, up to a year ago, ignorant of the fact that they were practically dependent upon the mines. They were prosperous, but yet did not fully understand where their prosperity came from. Now that the two per cent tax has caused a stagnation in the mining industry and a consequent falling off of the profits in directly received by the merchants of the coast, there has been an awakening, and I think that the mines of British Columbia may look forward to the time when the two per cent tax will be removed, or else so modified that it will work little hardship.

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THE LONDON MARKET

STOCKS ARE QUIET AND LITTLE MOVEMENT IS TO BE NOTED.

THE SNOWSHOE COMPANY'S REPORT FAVORABLY RECEIVED.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—The mining market is quiet here. Speculation in high priced shares has fallen off, but there have been no disturbances in the market such as were predicted in some quarters as the result of Mr. Chamberlain's visit to South Africa. Not much anxiety is now felt as to additional and grievous burdens being added to the mines for the purpose of raising revenue to offset war losses.

The defelection of R. S. Rowe, secretary of the Great Fingall company, remains the principal topic of discussion in mining circles. A warrant has been issued for Rowe's arrest and it is expected that he will be apprehended at a comparatively early date. Mr. Moring, a senior member of the firm of Bewick, Moring & Co., in which Rowe was a partner, has announced that he will personally make good the amount of the entire loss, which is variously estimated up to a million dollars.

The issue of the report of the Snowshoe Gold and Copper Mines, Limited, has created a favorable impression. There have been so many failures of English companies working in that province that the shareholders of the Snowshoe deserve special congratulation. The ore is of low grade, but as the mine is situated on the railroad, is within easy reach of smelters, and the ore can be mined in open quarry, there is every reason to expect that the company will make a profit. The mine is now shipping 1500 tons a week and in a short time the shipments will be 3500 tons a week. The ore in sight is over a million tons, so that the company can look far ahead. It is probable that the company will decide to build smelters of its own at no distant date. The condition of things generally is eminently satisfactory and reflects credit on the management.

More interest is being taken in Mexican mining ventures than has been the case in the past, and it is probable that Mexican propositions will receive considerable attention from English investors in the future.

THE PAYNE IN LUCK

TUNNEL NO. 8 HAS TAPPED A FINE BODY OF HIGH GRADE ORE.

MAIN VEIN REACHED AFTER MANY TROUBLES AND TRIALS.

(Special to The Miner.)

SANDON, B. C., Feb. 3.—The main vein and a large body of high grade ore was struck in tunnel No. 8 of the Payne mine, Sandon, B. C.

This is very important, inasmuch as it adds 400 feet of stoping ground to this famous property. Tunnel No. 8 was started in February, 1900, by one of the former managers, Mr. C. H. Hand, and continued by his successor, Mr. W. E. Zwick, without success.

The Payne Mining company spent an unusually large amount of money in driving the No. 8 tunnel 1800 feet to the McGowan side of the Payne mountain. Anyone not familiar with the difficulties met by the company will have some difficulty in realizing the severity and disadvantages relating to the history of this three-year job. Hardness of rock, heavy flow of water and continuous faulting of ground caused not alone much inconvenience but also very heavy expenditure. The work proceeded disappointingly, and was therefore discontinued for six months last year, and it was only on the present manager's, Alfred C. Garde's, strong recommendation that it was taken up again and vigorously pushed ahead until last Saturday, after many difficulties and intricate faulting of the vein, the pay shoot was encountered.

GREENWOOD NOTES.

GREENWOOD, Feb. 3.—A. E. Ashcroft, P. L. S., formerly of the firm of Bauer & Ashcroft, Vancouver, but for three years last past resident with his family at Greenwood, is critically ill.

J. C. Haas, M. E., now of Spokane, but for several years in the 90's engaged in the mining business in the Boundary, is here on a fortnight's visit to look after some of his mining interests in the district.

C. V. Semerad has disposed of his candy-making and fruit-selling business in Greenwood and will shortly leave for Alberta. During the past season he handled a large quantity of fruit grown in the American Okanagan, finding a market for it in the Boundary creek towns and mining camps.

The family of C. P. Sorenson, master mechanic at the B. C. Copper camp for Salt Lake City, Utah, in the course of a day or two.

The severest frost of this season was experienced last night and the night before, but the temperature was not on either night so low as during occasional cold snaps of other years.

John S. Holland has departed for Spokane.

RICH ORE IS FOUND

A SATISFACTORY STRIKE MADE IN THE SILVER KING MINE.

REDISCOVERY OF THE LEAD WHICH MADE THE PROPERTY'S FAME.

(Special to The Miner.)

NELSON, Jan. 29.—A strike of very rich ore has been made at the Silver King mine on Toad mountain by M. S. Davys, lessee of the mine. The property is owned by the Hall Mines, Limited, but was shut down last summer owing to the unsatisfactory results of development work. Mr. Davys, who had formerly been superintendent of the mine, then obtained a year's lease of the property, believing that some rich bodies of ore existed on the upper levels of the mine. He has since kept a small force of men steadily employed and has now struck the original lead which first caused the property to come into prominence. This lead was lost in 1897 owing to a cave-in occurring. It is only two feet in width, but of this ten inches is of clean ore averaging probably several hundred ounces in copper and silver. The balance of the ore is also very high grade. It will be some weeks before a shipment of ore can be got down to the smelter, owing to the great depth of snow, which prevents the running of the tramway, but work will be prosecuted steadily in getting out ore ready for shipment.

Trout lake is now frozen over and there will be no more navigation there until the ice breaks up, all traffic being carried by way of Thompson's Landing and the Arrow lakes. In the meantime ore is being steadily brought down from the Silver Cup, Nettie L. and other properties in the vicinity of Ferguson, but the ore will be held at Trout Lake City until the reopening of navigation.

Before Magistrate Crease today Doyle, the prisoner who broke into Patenaude's jewelry store on Tuesday night, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment in the penitentiary.

FEELING FUEL SHORTAGE

Centre Star and War Eagle Mines Suffer From Lack of Coal.

REBELS BEATEN.

Venezuela Government Forces Gain an Important Victory.

CARACAS, Feb. 2.—The government troops under General Alcantara, a graduate from West Point, have defeated a force of rebels numbering 900 under the revolutionary general Ducharme on the Camatagua river, about 60 miles south of Caracas. The rebels were captured with their ammunition and arms. On the news of the victory prices on the stock exchange jumped four points.

Since the rout of General Matos and his army of 10,000 men by President Castro near La Victoria October 18, the remnants of the rebel forces have been dispersed in all directions. The scattered bodies of rebels, believing, as reported by General Matos' committee that arms and ammunition had landed, attempted to gather a number of about 2000 men under Generals Rolando and Ducharme and assembled at Alta Gracia, at the entrance of the gulf of Maracalbo, and at Orletuoc village, 60 miles south of Caracas. General Ducharme with 900 men advanced upon the rebels and after several hours' fighting, Alcantara captured 30 officers and 200 soldiers, 40,000 rounds of ammunition and 50 animals. The remainder of Ducharme's army fled in the direction of Orletuoc.

LE ROI REPORT.

Disappointment Said to be Felt on Account of its Nature.

MONTREAL Feb. 3.—The Star's London cable says: Disappointment is expressed over the latest Le Roi mining returns. The manager reports that tonnage values do not equal expectations, owing to a falling off in value at the intermediate stage between the ninth and tenth levels. The disappointment is all the keener because it is felt to be necessary that some British Columbia mines should show results in order to counteract the bad influence in the past of Whittaker Wright on their financial prospects.

Dr. Kenning is on a brief visit to Spokane. He expects to return within a few days.

ARE PLACER MINING

AURIFEROUS CLAIMS ALONG SALMON CREEK TO BE WORKED ON A LARGE SCALE.

GRAVEL THAT YIELDS HIGH VALUES--HYDRAULIC PLANTS ORDERED.

"The placer mining along the main stream of the Salmon river during the present year should bring good results," said A. Schneider of Waneta yesterday. "The placer claims that were developed there last year panned out very well, considering the short time they were worked. This year, with hydraulic machinery, the results should be very good indeed."

"The placers were first worked many years ago. The first prospectors who came to this province in the '90's obtained good results by panning the stream. Later on the prospectors abandoned the ground, as the results obtained were not as remunerative as they had been led to expect.

"During the early days, one miner, who went under the sobriquet of 'Pittsburg Bill,' took out of one claim \$2000. This amount was cleaned up from a space 20 by 35 feet. The claim has since been restaked and work resumed. We figure that we can obtain 30 cents a cubic yard from the claim, which will more than repay us for our trouble. We can do placer mining in this province with a profit at 9 cents a cubic yard. Placer mining is done in California when the dirt runs out at the rate of 4 1-2 cents per cubic yard, but then the wages there are much lower.

"During the coming summer mining on a greater scale will be attempted. Most of the companies working on the main Salmon are preparing to put in expensive hydraulic plants, while the ones to be employed will be in the neighborhood of one hundred. At present none of the placers are working, owing to the heavy snowfall," concluded Mr. Schneider.

SUCCEEDED IN IDAHO.

Former Rossland Man Cut His Throat in Wallace.

The Spokesman-Review has the following dispatch from Wallace, Idaho:

THINKS PLATINUM EXISTS.

Le Roi Shareholder Has Idea the Mine Carries Undiscovered Values.

(B. C. Review.)

A shareholder of the Le Roi is of the opinion that the ores of that mine contain platinum in commercial quantities, and in order to draw the attention of the board he took the somewhat unusual course of advertising his belief in the financial dailies. It has been pointed out that it is probable that he has made a mistake between platinum and molybdenum, since the latter being found in the ores of the Giant mine, he possibly conjectures that other mines in the same district also contain this valuable mineral. It would be extremely satisfactory for the shareholders of the Le Roi Co., if it proved that their ores were enriched in this manner, but it is almost impossible to conceive that after all these years the presence of either platinum or molybdenum would not have been discovered, either by the assayers at the mine or the smelting officials at Northport.

THE WATERBURY STRIKE.

WATERBURY, Feb. 3.—The interesting development in the strike situation during the early evening was the announcement that another day might witness the withdrawal from Waterbury of a part of the state troops.

Governor Chamberlain announced tonight that he had decided to cause the soldiers to remain in Waterbury until tomorrow at least. At that time if the county sheriff and other civil authorities seem able to cope with the situation practically all the troops will be withdrawn.

CHINESE TELEGRAPHS.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 3.—In spite of its recent assertions that it had abandoned the proposed scheme, the government of China has again announced that it has decided to assume control of the commercial telegraph lines, and the local taotai has formally requested the consuls to forbid foreigners purchasing shares in these lines.

THE NOVELTY HAS MERIT

Giant Mountain Property That Promises Well For Future.

Past Work of Little Value --Bright Outlook Now.

The management of the Novelty mine announces that active development on the property will be resumed in the spring, and local shareholders are looking forward with keen interest to the event inasmuch as it is strongly believed that the Novelty has as bright prospects as any mine in the Rossland camp.

For the satisfaction of several local people interested in the mine a thoroughly posted mining man recently examined the Novelty and his opinion was decidedly favorable. The work on the Giant during the past eight months has also gone far toward establishing the merit of Giant mountain properties, and particularly the Novelty, which adjoins the Giant on the north.

The croppings on the Novelty are similar to those on the Giant, although the nearest workings on the latter property are 700 feet from the Novelty, nor is the Giant working on the ore body that continues into Novelty ground.

The Rossland mine manager who examined the Novelty stated that in his opinion a comparatively small outlay of money properly directed would place the Novelty on a basis where it would be practically self-supporting, but his opinion of the workings on the property up to the present is as unfavorable as his opinion of the claim is favorable. He quietly intimates that the \$10,000 or \$15,000 which has been expended on the Novelty is practically wasted, that one tunnel will emerge from the side of a knoll if it is continued further, while the second tunnel is running away from the ore body instead of into it.

The peculiarity of Giant mountain ore is that little can be told of its values from outside appearances. Ore that is heavily mineralized frequently turns out to be almost barren of value, while samples apparently barren contain high values. Again, two samples of Giant mountain ore may be laid side by side and to all appearances they are identical, whereas one will contain good values and the other scarcely a trace. This has been realized in the operation of the Giant, and overcome by continuous and careful sampling. Similar methods applied to the Novelty will undoubtedly secure equally good results to those on the Giant where 3000 tons of ore has been shipped in eight months with a profit on every pound.

Local shareholders of the Novelty were prompt in putting up assessments in view of the favorable report thus to hand, and if the facts were widely disseminated the Novelty company would undoubtedly find the task of securing funds with which to resume work much simplified.

CORRESPONDENTS HONORED.

Messrs. Hamilton and Ewan of the Globe to Get Medals.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—The war office, says a Tribune cablegram from London, decided to present medals to Messrs. Hamilton and Ewan, two Canadian correspondents who described in the Toronto Globe Paardeberg and other battles in South Africa.

JUMBO MINE WILL RESUME.

The Miner recently opened communication with the management of the Jumbo mine in this camp, offering to do everything in its power to assist the management in bringing about a resumption of activity at the property, which is very properly regarded as among the most promising of the inactive mines in the Rossland camp. Such assistance was to be extended gratuitously in every respect.

In reply a letter is just to hand from M. R. Galusha, the well known Spokane broker and who is secretary of the Jumbo company, in which he says that John A. Finch, president of the company, is now in California and that no definite announcement as to the company's plans can be made for a few weeks.

"I think, without a doubt," says Mr. Galusha, "we will commence shipping about the first of May. With our assessments on hand we can start up on the day mentioned if we can get a good freight and treatment rate. Thank you for the interest you are taking in the camp."

The foregoing will be read with much interest in Rossland, particularly by shareholders of the Jumbo resident here, who understand the difficulties under which the property has labored in the past and the bright prospect for its being placed on a dividend earning basis in the immediate future.

January 29, 1903.

Burritt, Harry McIntosh, and A. B. Mackenzie, was elected chairman of committee, and on the motion of L. A. B. Mackenzie in his position as secretary of the committee with the following members:

Spill, of the West Kootenai Light Company, stated that the company would string a number of lights along the toboggan sliding street, so that the slide could be operated at night during the day.

external News

the prominent lodges of the town to give either dances or entertainments at an early hour of the lodges wish to make a season pass along as swiftly as possible, and can think of way to do so than by a series of entertainments.

the Rathbone Sisler order of the Knights of a splendid dance and social on Queen street. Most members of the society were present as a number of invited luncheon was served by the banquet hall, above the place. Previous to the members of the order met their new officers for the week and held a social meeting Wednesday at their hall on Columbia a few of the members were present. Card games, selections and other merriment made the evening pass

meeting of the Sons of St. at their meeting place at the means of stocking and a public library were dispensed the library is to be a reading room. It is the plan of the society to push the library, that will be a library of the word, to the fore as possible. Owing to present nothing was done in the matter subject will probably be again at the next meeting of the society for filling the library is by public subscription, giving a concert or entertainments.

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Fellows, Deborah Rebekah American Encampment have meetings during the week. The Deborah Rebekah a successful affair that is thinking of giving another date.

to this city of A. W. von Fraternities deputy grand president of a notable grand lodge of the order in this province. The delegates of the Rossland and attend the regular weekly which takes place Monday evening the session is over a banquet tendered the visitor. At Monday night matters of importance touching the local lodge were discussed on a tour of the province, visiting the series Forks, Phoenix, Revelstoke points. It is his intention to substitute a new lodge at Green-

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island Hive No. 5 of the Lardreau Maccabees are making a part to take first rank among the order in this province. The delegates of the hive stands place. Vancouver hive stands place. As the local hive is gaining of membership steadily, to pass the coast hive within few months.

THE TAX SALE.

ing for the Property Offered at Auction.

interest was evinced at Green-land the adjourned tax sale of property in Trail, Eblott, Midway, and other points. The sales of property amounted to the neighborhood of \$200,000 for less than the amount due cases, said J. E. Hooson, prosold for \$2.50 and other parts from \$5 up. The property every case was town lots, or might at some future day be farm property. There was a great aroused among the Bonbons over the property put up. sales were correspondingly light. he of the Boundary cared very Trail property, although a lots were disposed of at moderate.

the property advertised in the has not been disposed of and quite a bit that has had \$50000 another adjourned tax sale for future. The sale, if ordered, place in this city. The prices will depend, in the event the taking place, on how much are and how small a sum the owner will be willing to accept. Property may be bought up in town for next to nothing.

erson of Montreal is registered cotenary.