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FROM OUTSIDE CAMPS

News of the Slocan, Nelson and Boundary Country Mines.

GOOD PROGRESS BEING MADE

The Hall Mines Smelter—News of Lardeau and Trout Lake—Prospectors Out on the Hills in Many Sections—The Slocan Still Has Snow Falling in Places.

There is nothing very special this week to report from outside camps. Warmer and more seasonable weather is everywhere reported, with the exception of some portions of the Slocan, where the snow still holds on. The rush of travel into the Boundary Creek country continues. No positive settlement of the eight-hour law question in the Slocan and Nelson divisions has been reached, but there are indications that an arrangement will be arrived at before the 1st of June.

Below will be found items of interest from many properties.

LARDEAU-TROUT LAKE.

A great deal of work will be done on the John L. group as soon as the snow leaves the ground.

Stanley Nix is working on his property, the Beta, located on Trout creek about two miles from Trout Lake.

Work is progressing very favorably on the Silver Queen. They expect to be through the contract in two weeks.

Work will be commenced shortly on the St. Elmo. Captain Johnson will assist Hugh McPherson and Neil Swinton in the work.

The Beatrice has a showing of 30 inches of solid ore in the lower tunnel. The average value of the ore shipped will be $125 per ton in silver and lead.

On the Raven, a property adjoining the Brow, one of the Poole group, and located on the same lead as the Nettie L., a 100-foot tunnel has been driven to crosscut the lead at depth. Messrs. Treanor, Gordon and Snell are the owners of this property, and they intend to follow the crosscut till the lead is encountered.

So soon as the contract is finished on the Silver Queen, Messrs. Cowan and Hickman intend to do considerable work on the Canadian, a property adjoining the Black Eagle. They also intend to do work on the Lucky Four group on Boulder creek.

Work is progressing on the two drifts in the Nettie L. The south drift has been run a distance of 62 feet and the north drift 55 feet. The breasts of both drifts are in ore of high quality. The ore increases in value in gaining depth. A winze has been sunk to a depth of 27 feet, when the surface water stopped the work for the meantime. Ore is showing on both walls of the winze of a very high grade. It is estimated that there is stoping ground for the whole 62 feet in the south drift and 55 feet in the north drift. A shaft has been sunk for a depth of 25 feet from the surface, all in ore, so that if indications go for anything the ore should extend to the surface over a total of 117 feet of stoping ground, 125 feet in depth. Offers have been made to lease the mine, but the Great Western company intend to develop it for themselves. The company intend to drive a lower level tunnel a distance of 400 feet to strike the lead at a depth of between 300 and 400 feet. This work will be commenced almost immediately. Sixteen men are now employed in the mine.

THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

Another rich ledge was recently uncovered on the Winnipeg.

Surface assays of $9 have been obtained on the Two Brothers, in Providence camp. It shows a ledge 20 feet wide.

W. S. Lenning is calling for tenders for doing 100 feet of work on the Carmi, a West Fork property recently bonded by him.

A strike of 12 feet of chalcopyrite was made a few days ago in the Golden Eagle, on Volcanic mountain. Assays are said to return $1,000 in gold and 10 per cent copper.

It is reported that the British America corporation, whose expert recently visited the Mother Lode in the Burnt Basin, has decided to take over that group and operate it extensively.

The Minnehaha mine of Camp McKinney, is to be at once equipped with a 10-stamp mill. This course was decided upon at a special general meeting of the directors of the Minnehaha, held in Toronto recently. The reports presented from the mine show that there are several tons of ore on the dump, and that a large quantity of gold-bearing rock has been blocked out above the 200-foot level, and that, therefore, the time has arrived when the stamps should begin to drop. It is expected that the mill will be completed and in position before the summer is over.

IN THE SLOCAN.

Miners are becoming very scarce in the Slocan.

The Antoine mine will ship ore this summer.

A crown grant is to be applied for on the Lakeview group.

The Bosun group of three claims is being crown granted.

The owners of the Ohio, on Ten-Mile, are sinking a shaft on the lead.

The Turris has put up over 60 sacks of high grade ore during development. It averages upwards of 400 ounces per ton.

The recent find on the Wonderful is turning out a sure thing, giving the property a certainty of making a good mine.

The ledge on the Mary Durham has widened to about 15 inches, and work on the incline shaft will be pushed to greater depth. It is now down 35 feet on the ledge.

Ore at the Chapleau is being sacked and will be shipped when the trails are open.

Work will be commenced on the Arlington as soon as supplies can be packed to it.

The True Blue mine near Kaslo is likely to have a legal fight on hand. The Hall Mines have a bond on it and will neither work the mine nor give up the bond.

The ore chute encountered last week in the face of the Neglected tunnel has widened out from four to eight inches. It is mostly zinc blend, an inch or two of clean steel galena running with it. Recent assays give, from the galena 107 ozs. silver and 46 per cent lead, and from the zinc blend 46 ozs. silver.

Since last July 220 feet of crosscut tunnel has been run on the Calumet and Hecla, and 45 feet have been driven on the lead. About 175 feet from the crosscut, northeast on the vein, about 12 feet of concentrating ore is in sight. Work has been suspended until the pack train can bring up supplies.

Cross & Co., local agents for the Galena Mines, have received several offers lately for the property and it is likely that this well-known mine will be working with a full force again within a few days.

The owners of the Colorado claim, Ralph Gillette, T. Mozzei and M. Domico, have just completed the assessment work on the property, with the result that they have uncovered a four- foot ledge, between good walls, carrying a 10-inch paystreak, that gives assay values of 83 ounces in silver and $17 in gold per ton.

The Star concentrator after running a few days last week had to close down again owing to scarcity of water, the rise being only temporary, the weather still continuing in the grasp of winter.

The most important event of this week, in the local mining circle, was the starting up of the Essex group last Wednesday. The propety after lying idle all winter, has been started up with a force of six men and with H. Behne as superintendent. The Essex group is situated directly below the Wakefield mines and about four miles up the gulch above Silverton.

Another good strike of clean ore has been made on the Lone Star group during the past week by Sam Watson and J. Tinling. On this group a shaft has been sunk and a tunnel run 80 feet on the vein with a fine showing of ore. Numerous cuts have been run at intervals for about 250 feet along the surface on the vein, in all of which is found shipping ore. The ledge is of fair size and the paystreak of clean ore varies from two to four inches in width and runs over 100 ounces in silver and 60 per cent lead per ton. The ore improves both in value and size as depth is gained, and lying as it does almost within town it can be worked the year around.

British inquiries for shares in the Queen Bess company are becoming more frequent, due to satisfactory reports of the mine and by the recent payment of an interim dividend of six pence per share. There is little doubt but that the Queen Bess will become one of the big properties of the camp. In the No. 1 level there is four feet of ore, while No. 5 has mineral for close to 200 feet, in places as wide as three feet, with every promise of permanency with depth.

NELSON.

At a meeting of the Fern Gold Mining & Milling company it was decided to resume operations on the mine on June 1st with a force of 25 men. The head office of the company has been moved from Vancouver to Nelson, and R. S. Finley has been appinted superintendent and foreman.

The Hall mines smelter at Nelson is treating between 65 and 70 tons of ore daily in the small furnace. About 40 per cent of this ore is obtained from one of the Silver King workings, and is smelted in connection with purchased lead ores from the Slocan. It is the intention of the smelter superintendent to increase the proportion of the Silver King ore shortly to fully 50 per cent, as the idea of the company in treating the Slocan ores is mainly to use their lead contents for collecting the silver values in the low-grade Silver King ore, which carries but a small percentage of copper. Eight cars of lead bullion were shipped last week for refinement to Balbeck & Co., of New Jersey. The official report of the past month states that during 27 days three hours of smelting 2,086 tons of ore were treated, containing approximately 35 tons of copper and 29,530 ounces of silver.

Phil White, superintendent of the Wilcox, operated by the Broken Hill company, reports all work going on satisfactorily.

S. S. Fowler has completed his report on the Dundee mine. It is current that the London & British Columbia Goldfields will make a bid for the Dundee property if their engineer's report be more than usually satisfactory.

The Ymir mill is shut down on account of an accident to the rock crusher. The concentrates are being shipped steadily.

Word has been received from S. L. Long, general manager of the Porto Rico, that he will be out at the end of the month to commence operations on the 1st of June.

The owners of properties up Wild Horse creek are approaching the government to obtain a guarantee (out of the appropriation for roads and trails) for a road up there.

The Skyline, in Ainsworth, will resume shortly after a shut down for over three years.

A consignment of coke from the Crow's Nest Pass coke ovens to the Le Roi smelter at Northport, passed through Nelson yesterday. There were 84 tons in the shipment, which were valued at $422.

THE CROW'S NEST SCANDAL.

What an Eastern Paper Has to Say of the Deaths of Fraser and Macdonald.

In referring to the report of the government inquiry into the deaths of Fraser and Macdonald, workmen on the Crow's Nest Pass railway, the Hamilton Herald says:

Commissioner Clute has reported at length on the scandals in connection with the deaths of young Fraser and Macdonald, workmen employed on the Crow's Nest Pass railway. The report confirms the worst rumors of the inhumanly cruel treatment to which these men were subjected. The lives of Fraser and Macdonald were sacrificed to the spirit of greed which prompted their taskmasters to work them like packhorses and house them like swine and to utterly neglect them when they fell sick. Mr. Clute recommends that on such work as the Crow's Nest Pass railway there should be a medical officer appointed by the government, together with a fully equipped field hospital. One can't see why the government should be at the expense of providing for the needs of sick men employed by the C. P. R. or contractors doing work for it. There should, however, be a governent inspector to see that the company or the contractors provide for the necessities of the workers, both when they are well, and when they are sick. So much for the future. In the meantime the country would like to know who was responsible for the deaths of those two men on the northern prairies. In Mr. Clute's report that point seems to be evaded. He condemns the cruel treatment which thes ick men received, but apparently makes no effort to fasten the responsibility upon the guilty parties. In this respect the report is weak and disappointing. Inhumanity of a similar kind is not to be checked by merely stating that inhumanity is to be condemned. Some person or persons are responsible for the deaths of Fraser and Macdonald. These guilty parties should be discovered and punished.

QUEEN'S NATAL DAY

It Was Quietly Observed By the Residents of Rossland.

THERE WAS A BASEBALL GAME

Rossland Defeated Northport—There Was a Matinee at the Theater and Also Evening Performance—The Festivites Ended With a Ball.

That the Queen's birthday was not celebrated in Rossland with the usual demonstrations which mark the occasion here is not to be attributed to any absence of loyalty towards the sovereign on the part of the citizens ,or any lack of gratitude that she is still the counsellor and ruler of her people. But Rossland was desirous that other towns in the Kootenay, less favored than she is, might have a free opportunity of showing their patriotism, and demonstrating what they could do in this direction. Had Rossland insisted on holding the usual celebration she would naturally have attracted the crowds which went to other points, and would thus have impaired the success in these places. She accordingly not only magnanimously refrained for the benefit of these other towns, but even sent contingents of her own citizens to help them out.

It should not be imagined, however, that the city was entirely without its holiday features. An interesting and well-contested baseball game, in which the Rossland team showed its superiority, drew a large crowd of spectators and a lawn tennis game, which gave not a few some exercise and enjoyment, and some special incidents on the streets, including three lively runaways, a number of keenly contested dog fights and a threatened bout between two local pugilists, which, however, did not materialize into actual carnage, kept the minds of the citizens from brooding over their individual affairs. Dances at the Miners' Union hall and the Dominion Athletic club in the evening closed the conspicuous events of the day and put a fitting climax to the festivities.

THE BASEBALL GAME.

Rossland Defeats Northport by a Score of Thirteen to Twelve.

For the opening of the season the baseball game yesterday between the Rossland and Northport clubs, was a fair one. Though the weather was rainy and disagreeable, still some 350 spectators were present. Had the weather been pleasanter the crowd would have been much larger. The game was won by Rossland by a score of 13 to 12. The game was not played to a conclusion, for the reason that it began to rain, and as the darkness was coming on, the game was called by the umpire, Thomas Whalen, after the first half of the eighth inning had been played. Thus the Rossland team only played seven innings while the Northport team played eight.

For the Rossland team the pitching of Poscoe was good. He is credited with a number of assists, and the Northport twirlers only found his ball a few times. He was in excellent form, and did good, speedy work. His inshoot was hard to find, and he fooled the Northport boys with it nearly every time. The catching of Holland for the home team was very good. He seemed to be able to stop everything that came his way. He is credited with 13 putouts, and did brilliant work in catching flies. A. Gibson, who played on the first base for the home team did excellent work in the way of stopping bad throws, and is credited with six putouts. Vaughn, in the center field, and Saterlee in the left field, both did some good baseball work. The remainder of the team worked hard, but they evidently need much practice in the matter of picking up ground balls. These were constantly muffed yesterhay. There was considerable wild throwing, too, on the part of the home team.

The Northport team had uphill work, as the members were new to the grounds, and it is thought that they will render a better account of themselves the next time they play here. The pitching of Rollins was fair, and he is a hard worker. His curves were not difficult, as is shown by the fact that he was hit frequently. The catching of H. Working was good, and he caught a couple of flies in so scientific a manner as to win the plaudits from both the grand stand and the bleachers. J. Working played well on second base, and Owens showed himself to be a good all-around player. The fielding of the visitors, if anything, was better than that of the home team.

The rulings of Referee Whalen were fair and if anything, he favored the visitors. He filled a difficult position in an able, intelligent and courteous manner, and won the favor of both the audience and the players. The crowd that was in attendance was of the usual enthusiastic type, and the players were impartially applauded or hooted as they made good or bad plays.

Following is the official score:

Northport	AB	R	Hits	PO	E
Stroh, ss	5	2	2	0	0
J. Working, 2d b	5	2	2	3	2
Owens, 1st b	5	2	1	10	2
Rose, r. f	5	2	2	1	0
Gardner, c. f	5	0	0	4	1
Robbins, p	5	1	2	0	2
McAlpine, 3rd b	5	0	0	0	3
Hoslen. l. f	4	1	2	0	0
H. Working, c	4	2	2	3	1

Rossland	AB	R	H	A	PO	E
C. Whalen, 2nd b	4	3	2	1	1	4
O'Hara, ss	5	1	0	1	1	2
Saterlee, l. f	5	3	2	1	2	1
W. Gibson, 3rd b	5	1	1	1	0	0
A. Gibson, 1st b	5	2	2	1	6	1
Holland, c	4	1	2	1	13	0
Pullman, r. f	4	1	1	0	1	0
Vaughn, c. f	4	1	1	0	1	0
Pascoe, p	0	0	0	1	0	0

Score by innings:

Rossland	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
	3	4	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	—13
Northport	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	6	—12

A Pleasant Ball.

Some 250 people thoroughly enjoyed the dance given at the Miners' Union hall last night by the Rossland Trades and Labor Council. A program of 24 dances was faithfully carried out by Stein's orchestra, and the party broke up at an early hour this morning.

Claims Surveyed.

The Big Four No. 1 has been surveyed by O. B. N. Wilkie and application for a crown grant for it has been made. Mr. Wilkie will leave today for Record mountain for the purpose of surveying the Columbia View, adjoining the Wallingford and Freddie B. The Columbia View was the first claim staked on Record mountain.

A MAN'S MIRACULOUS ESCAPE

HOW IT FEELS TO FALL 600 FEET DOWN A MINE SHAFT.

Milward Crooke, the Sole Survivor, Tells His Experience—Ready to Go Mining Again When Recovered.

Yesterday a representative of The Miner had a pleasant chat with Milward Crook, the sole survivor of the recent fatal accident in the War Eagle shaft. Mr. Crooke is a young man 26 years old, an old country man, who has been in Canada for the last four or five years. Previous to coming here some seven weeks ago, he had been engaged with the Rathbun Mill company, at Deseronto, Ontario, and during the time he was engaged with the concern, familiarized himself with mill machinery generally. He explained that many accidents happened to the employees of the mill principally by their getting entangled in the belting, so that he was no stranger to accidents generally.

Mr. Crooke had been working on the War Eagle for about seven weeks previous to the time of the disaster. He was at work tramming from the shaft to the cars at the 250-foot level. Occasionally he was instructed to go to the shaft head and assist in some work there. On last Saturday at 12:30 a. m., he got in the cage at the 250 level and was being carried to the head of the shaft when the trouble occurred. In the cage with him were Scholfield and Palmer, and about a ton of steel going to the surface to be sharpened. Honyford and Neville were outside of the cage some feet above him. The cage started for the surface all right, but stopped before it got to the collar of the shaft and began to run back, slowly at first, but gaining speed with every foot, until a frightful velocity was attained. "I thought at first," said Mr. Crooke, "that we were going back to the 250 level regularly, but as the speed increased I realized that something had gone wrong, and that a dreadful crash was coming. I sat down on the steel and shut my eyes and tried to hold myself together as best I could. None of us spoke; at least I don't remember saying anything, and I did not hear poor Scholfield or Palmer say anything. They were together on the opposite side to me. I can not describe fully the sense of utter helplessness I felt as we rushed down. I kept my eyes shut all the time, and only opened them after the crash came. It was all over so quickly that I had not time to think. I can hardly yet realize just what happened, but I did not lose consciousness at any time in the mine, but was dazed and light-headed and had only half my wits about me. I suffered a good deal of pain in my back, and noticed that I coughed up some blood and that frightened me a little. My left ancle was sprained and my left knee was hurt. I saw the men who came down to our assistance, and I knew my companions must be badly hurt, as I saw them lying in the cage. When I was taken to the hospital I forget about everything for a while, and only knew that I was suffering a good deal with my back. It has got almost all right now, though, and my other bruises do not amount to anything serious. I cannot account for my escape from death. I can only say that Providence interfered in my case. I am very thankful to be alive after my terrible experience, and am truly sorry for the horrible fate of my companions." Mr. Crooke expressed his gratitude to the good sisters for all the kindness shown him in the hospital. He smiled rather grimly for a moment when asked as to his future movements, and then he said: "Well, I think when I'm well enough to get out I will take a little holiday to pull myself together, and then I will be ready to go mining again. I think what happened was just an accident. I don't believe Hull was to blame a bit. I hope he knows what I think. He will be worrying over the affair, I'm sure." Mr. Crooke has played a good deal of football in the old country, and was one of the International team in the Irish-Welsh match, playing for the former. He is also fond of cricket, and asked with much interest if there was any chance of having a game here this summer. He has a brother in New Zealand and another in India. His father and mother, both of advanced age, reside in Edinburgh, Scotland.

It is probable when the inquest is resumed today that Mr. Crooke will give his testimony in the matter.

CANADIAN MINING INSTITUTE.

Provisional Program for Approaching Meetings and for the British Columbia Excursion.

B. T. A. Bell, secretary of the Canadian Mining Institute, has issued a provisional program for the ensuing meetings and excursions of the institute to British Columbia during September. An idea of the comprehensive character of this excursion may be gathered from the following itinerary:

Members will leave Montreal by C. P. R. train on Friday, September 1st, being joined at Toronto the following day by members from Ottawa, Toronto and eastern points.

The party will proceed by way of Owen Sound and the great lakes to Fort William, leaving there on Monday, September 4, whence train will be taken for Revelstoke. It is proposed to spend Thursday, September 7, at the Banff Hot Springs hotel, arriving at Revelstoke on Friday, September 8. Members of the institute residing west of Revelstoke will join the party at that point.

From Revelstoke the party will proceed directly to Nelson, arriving in Nelson on Saturday, September 9. It is proposed to spend three days in Nelson and vicinity, leaving Nelson on Tuesday, September 12, for Rossland, arriving at Rossland the same day.

Two days, 13th and 14th, will be spent in Rossland and vicinity. Friday, September 15, will be devoted to an inspection of the Canadian smelting works at Trail; the same day the party will leave for Slocan, arriving at Sandon the following day, Saturday, September 16. It is proposed to spend one day at Sandon, leaving on Monday, September 18, via Slocan Lake and Slocan City for Nelson.

On Tuesday, the 19th, the party will leave Nelson on the return trip, via Kootenay Landing and the Crow's Nest Pass, arriving at Fernie on the 20th. One day will be spent at the mines of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company, whence the journey will be continued easterly by rail, arriving at Rat Portage on Saturday, September 23.

If a sufficient number of members should desire to visit the Lake of the Woods district, arrangements will be made for a stay of one or two days at Rat Portage. The party will arrive in Montreal on Tuesday, September 26, at 6:25 p. m.

Negotiations are pending for a special rate to members coming from the Maritime Provinces and points east to Montreal, and also for members coming from points west to Revelstoke. The railways are showing every disposition to make these rates satisfactory, and a further announcement regarding them will be made in a second circular. Arrangements are also being made for special rates to points west of Revelstoke, should any of the eastern members desire to visit mines and mineral centers while out here.

THE STOCK REVIEW

Considerable of a Flurry on in Black Tail Shares.

A LARGE BLOCK PURCHASED

Rambler-Cariboos Are Advancing—Good Reports From the Evening Star—Lone Pine Shares Have Had a Fall—Deer Parks Stationary.

The transactions in local stock circles during the week were about up to the average. There was no great rush or hurry to secure shares, but, at the same time, there was a steady business. To be sure, the big flury which has been so long expected has not come, but that it will arrive before long many of the brokers are certain.

There has been quite a flurry in the shares of Black Tail. These shares, which were worth 15 cents a few days since, are now worth 23 cents. The cause of this sudden advance is because Clarence McCuaig, the big Montreal broker, has purchased 100,000 shares outright and has secured an option on 60,000 more. The price paid by Mr. Mr. McCuaig for these shares has not been made public.

Good reports continue to come from the Evening Star, and, if the development continue with the same favorable results for a short time longer, it seems certain that the property will be a big shipper. There is a vein of between four and five feet on the property of shipping ore. The stock is not moving much, and the latest quotation on the exchange was 11 1-4 bid and 12 1-2 cents asked.

Brandon & Golden Crown shares are again coming into favor, and sales have been made during the past week at from 27 to 30 cents. The news from this property continues to be of a favorable nature.

Lone Pine shares have dropped in the last 36 hours. They were selling on Monday for 51 cents, and dropped yesterday to 46 1-2 cents. There is a bear movement on in Spokane which has succeeded in lowering the price of these shares.

There is some demand for Old Ironsides. One broker yesterday stated that he had orders for the stock at $1.12, and that he could not fill them at that price, so firmly is it held here.

Knob Hill is another stock that is hard to get, even at the current quotations, and it is held very firmly.

Rambler-Cariboo, which was down as low as 31 cents, took an upward turn on Monday, has climbed up four points since and closed at 35 cents on Tuesday. There was considerable inquiry for it yesterday, although it was a public holiday.

Morning Glory is seling for 14 cents.

There has been considerable trading in Virginia of late, but the stock does not advance in price. This is probably because an assessment of five cents per share payable on July 10th, has been levied upon the stock. Some 25,000 shares of Virginia have changed hands in the past few days. There was a sale of 2,000 shares yesterday at 19 cents.

The ore body in the Deer Park has been proven to a depth of 300 feet, but the shares keep hovering between the 5 and 6 cent points, and it seems difficult to raise the price higher than this.

There is considerable demand for Monte Christo at from 10 to 11 cents. It is anticipated that when Mr. Campbell, agent for C. R. Hosmer, arrives here from Montreal, and he is expected shortly, that work will be resumed on the Monte Christo. This expectation is giving the stock considerable of its present buoyancy.

Dardanelles shares are in good demand. There were some sales during the week at from 13 to 14 cents. The Dardanelles property is located next to the Rambler-Cariboo, and the management of late are sending out good reports covering the condition of the property.

Appended are the official quotations for Tuesday of the Rossland Mining and Stock Exchange.

	ASKED	BID
Athabasca	42	40
Brandon & Golden Crown	30	27
Big Three	24	22
B. C. Gold Fields	5½	5
Baltimore	7½	
Canada western (C. McKinney)	15	
Cariboo (Camp McKinney)	$1 38	$1 35
Canadian Gold Fields	6	5
Crows Nest Pass Coal	$42 00	$36 00
Dardanelles	14	13
Dundee	25	23
Deer Park	5½	4½
Evening Star	12½	11¼
Fairview	11	7
Fa rmont	10	
Giant	4½	3½
Homestake	4	3½
Iron Mask	63	55
Iron Colt	13	11½
Iron Horse	16	13
Jumbo	30	25
Jim Blaine	40	36
Knob Hill	95	90
Lone Pine	54	51
London Consolidated	40	38
Mountain Lion	$1 50	$1 40
Montreal Gold Fields	23	20
Monte Christo	12	10
Monarch	15	10
Minnehaha	25	22½
Morrison	17½	16
Novelty	4	3¼
Nelson-Poorman	17	15
Noble Five	28½	27½
Northern Belle	3½	2¾
Okanogan	15	11½
Old Ironsides	$1 15	1 10
Princess Maud	7	6
Rathmullen	6	4½
Rambler-Cariboo	35	32½
Republic	$1 32	$1 28
Red Mountain View	2	1½
St Elmo Consolidated	6	5
Smuggler	4	3½
Tamarac (Kenneth) pooled	16½	15½
Van Anda	7	6
Virginia	28	20
Victory-Triumph	7½	7
Wonderful	8	7
War Eagle Consolidated	$3 75	$3 68½
White Bear	5	4
Waterloo	9¾	9
Winnipeg	33	31

AN EXCELLENT FOLDER.

The Columbia Townsite Company's Map of the Boundary Country.

The Columbia Townsite company have issued an excellent and useful folder containing much reliable information regarding the Boundary Creek country, and also a capital map showing the mining region now in progress of development which is tributary to the cities of Columbia, Greenwood and Grand Forks. The map will be found to be extremely useful even to those well acquainted with the district, as it gives with much accuracy of detail the positions of the various mines and mining properties in relation to the towns of the district. To the intending settler the folder will furnish much information in a thoroughly handy form which it is desirable he should know. Among the mining camps, the properties of which the map shows, are: Greenwood, Wellington, Skylark, Central, Hardy Mountain, Summit, Brown's, Knight's, Pass Creek, Long Lake, Providence, Deadwood, Smith's and Copper.

The folder is a timely one, and will assist in making this country known to the outside world.

THE REPUBLIC LETTER.

An Interview With a Gentleman From the South Half.

Republic, May 21.—[Special.]—The Miner's correspondent had rather an interesting talk with a gentleman who has returned from the south half. A 20-foot shaft has been sunk on the Richmond, and the assays run from $5 to $44 in gold. The Sunlight has a 10-foot shaft with a wide ledge. Considerable work has been done on the Blackrock. The claims are in King's camp, 25 miles south of Republic, and are situated on Gold creek. Mr. King has been working a crew of men on the Nesplem claim, where the strike has been reported. For over 60 feet the ledge has been stripped and crosscut, the intention being to sink a shaft to a depth of several hundreh feet. Mr. King will also develop the Bonanza group. Ed Gove and son are now in the camp with a complete outfit, intending to develop their claims. On Deer creek, Whilford and Martin have run a 50-foot tunnel and crossed a 19-foot ledge, which at a depth of 35 feet, averages $12.60 in gold. Great parallel ledges cut their way through mountains and valleys for over 10 miles from King's, Davis' Park City and Callahan camps, which average high in gold, silver and lead. The assays received yesterday from the Eva Fay, in Callahan's camp, ran so high that Mr. Callahan desires to again sample the bottom of the 12-foot shaft, to assure himself of its complete accuracy.

A pack train has arrived from Myer's Falls, making the trip in two days. They were loaded with such luxuries as strawberries, lettuce and other green dainties.

The shaft on the cross vein of the Blacktail has encountered rich ore, which runs from $13 to $45, the average value being $25. This rich cross vein greatly enhances the value of the Blacktail mine.

A ledge has been uncovered on the Summit claim, close to the north end line of the Republic. When first discovered it was hardly one foot wide, but in sinking 10 feet it has widened out to four feet. The quartz resembles in every respect that occurring on the surface of the Republic ledge, and the strike and dip is approximately the same as the Republic. The apex of the ledge is 241 feet above the main tunel of the Summit workings, which will cut the ledge in 135 feet more, which will be in five or six weeks.

Surface prospecting on the Golden Chest gives assays of from $9.80 to $46.30. A 50-foot shaft will soon be commenced.

The crosscut on the Dora is said to have passed through a 15-inch vein of very rich ore. It is thought the main vein will be reached in a week or so.

On Myer's creek, about 40 miles northeast of Republic, considerable mining activity is reported. A mill will be erected on the Crystal Butte property, which is well developed. Travelers report meeting a train of 17 wagons, with four mules attached to each wagon. The goods were in bond, under convoy, from the Canadian town of Penticton, on the Okanagan lake, to the Canadian town of Greenwood.

TORONTO UNIVERSITY DEGREES.

A Number of Distinguished Men Who Will Be Honored.

Toronto, May 24.—It has been decided to confer the honorary degree of doctor of laws upon His Excellency the Governor-General, and upon the following gentlemen, who have achieved distinction in various departments of science and literature: Dr. John Beattie Crozier, London, England; Dr. George M. Dawson of the Geological Survey; J. C. Glashan of Ottawa, Principal G. M. Grant of Queen's University; Sir John Murray, F. R. S., etc., Edinburgh; Dr. Wm. Osler, Baltimore, Md.

Dr. Crozier is a native Canadian and a graduate of the University in medicine. He has achieved a very brilliant reputation as a thinker and writer. He is best known by his two works, "Civilization and Progress," and "History of Intellectual Development."

Dr. G. M. Dawson, a son of Sir William Dawson, ex-president of McGill University, is one of the best known Canadian scientists. He has been director of the Canadian Geological Survey since 1894, was a member of the North American Boundary commission in 1873-5, and is the author of various scientific publications, including "Geology and Resources of the 49th Parallel."

J. C. Glashan has made his reputation as an educationist and mathematician. He is ranked by competent authorities as one of the ablest men in his special line of research in America. He has been for many years a contributor to The Philosophical Magazine, The Quarterly Journal of Mathematics and the American Journal of Mathematics. Mr. Glashan is at present engaged in editing the mathematical papers of the late Professor George Paxton Young.

Principal Grant is too well known as an educationist and a writer to require comment. His name is inseparately connected with the history of education in this province through his successful management of the interests of Queen's University.

Sir John Murray first came into prominence in connection with the scientific expedition of H. M. S. Challenger, of which he edited the report, 1882. He has also published many papers on oceanic geography and marine biology.

Dr. William Osler is at present professor of the principles and practice of medicine in Johns Hopkins university, having previously held the chair of clinical medicine in the University of Pennsylvania. He is distinguished also as an author, having published an important work on "The Principles and Practice of Medicine" in 1892, besides various monographs, scientific and literary. He is a brother of Mr. Justice Osler and of B. B. Osler, Q. C., and of E. B. Osler of Toronto.

Will Direct Several Companies.

J. M. Westfall left early in the week for the Lardeau-Duncan country. He has been appointed to superintend work on the properties of several companies. He will direct work on the Old Gold and Primrose groups. Work has been in progress on these properties all winter, but he will commence work at a new point. He will start operations on the properties of the Duncan River Co-operative Mining & Development company, the Imperial mines of the Lardeau company, the claims of the Gold, Silver and Copper company, and the Guinea Gold Mines company of British Columbia. Judge Miller is the general manager of all these properties, and Mr. Westfall the superintendent. All are in good financial condition and have ample funds in the treasury for the purpose of carrying on the development work, and the intention is to crowd operations so that the properties may be made to yield at the earliest possible moment.

The Danube to Be Floated.

Victoria, May 23.—Advices from the steamer Danube, which went ashore early on Saturday morning at the northern end of Vancouver Island while bound to Alaskan ports, are that she may be floated at high tide this morning. The greater part of her coal has been jettisoned.