

The *Whitehorse Star* has been informed that the Livingstone Creek Syndicate, of which Jack Bliok is hustling foreman, is doing lots of work and all the tin cans in the vicinity are being filled with gold dust.

The greatest yearly production of placer gold in British Columbia was in 1863, with a total for that year of \$3,913,563. The smallest in 50 years was in 1893, for which year the total shown in official tables was \$356,131.

On July 21 the *Nelson Daily News* stated that the installation of the stamp mill at the Nugget mine, Sheep Creek camp, Nelson mining division, was then almost complete and crushing was to be commenced a few days later. Meanwhile excellent progress was being made with the work of developing the mine.

Late in July Mr. Reinecke, of the Dominion Geological Survey, completed the topographic work of Camp Hedley. The *Gazette* stated that he was to go thence to Otter Flat to begin topographic work there. Mr. Camsell had much to do in connection with working out the geology of Camp Hedley and plotting it on the map.

Concerning the railway spur from the White Pass & Yukon Railway to Whitehorse copper camp, the *Whitehorse Star* says: The part of the road already completed reaches the Valerie, Arctic Chief, Grafton and Best Chance mines, all of the best-developed class, while along the line are perhaps 50 or more undeveloped claims that may be as rich as those already proved of value.

A news despatch from Nelson states that the manager of the Ymir mine has received instructions from London to go ahead with a scheme of development which will cost some \$30,000. This system of development and improvement may be summarized thus: On development of the property, \$18,500; on repairs and general repairs, \$3,000; on repairs to the mill and water power, \$6,000, leaving \$2,500 for contingencies.

The *Hedley Gazette* states that drifting is being pushed both north and south from the lower tunnel on the main ledge of the Martin claim in the Pollock group in Hedley camp, Similkameen. The ledge has been widening in both directions, showing that the tunnel had cut it at the narrowest part. Each face now has 5 ft. or more of excellent ore. Several samples brought down show strong mineralization, with free gold in the sulphides.

Amongst the passengers on yesterday's stage to Barkerville, said the *Ashcroft Journal* recently, was Mr. John Carley who was one of the very first to locate a claim on Williams Creek in 1860. Mr. Carley who is nearly 80 years of age has resided in California for the past 40 years. He is in full pos-

session of all his faculties and does not appear more than 65, in fact he feels so young that once again he will take up mining work, not for a living this time but more as a hobby.

On one trip in July the SS. "Tees" brought four tons of ore from the Klaskino Mining Company's property at Lawn Point, Quatsino, each ton being from a different working. One ton is exceptionally rich and, says the *Victoria Times*, there is a large amount of interest being evoked by its arrival. The Klaskino Company has had three men working on the claim since April and the arrival of this first profitable shipment is verification of this late find of the precious metal on Vancouver Island.

The *Times*, London, England, says: Minerals form one of Canada's most important assets, being worth over \$86,000,000 in 1907; and, appropriately, a large area towards the northern end of the Franco-British exhibition hall has been assigned to that country. The centre of the mineral exhibit is occupied with a stand containing large samples of asbestos, corundum, mica and nickel ore, and surmounted with illuminated transparencies showing views of Canadian mines and mining operations, while round it are grouped cases and stands illustrating other mineral products. It is evident there is a very complete collection of specimens.

The progress of development on the Independence group of claims situated on Bear Creek, near the Tulameen, and about 40 miles from Princeton, Similkameen, has lately been again inspected by W. Yolen Williams, consulting engineer, of Spokane, Washington. The property is a copper-gold one, and has been under bond for two years to individuals prominently connected with the Granby Company. Mr. Williams, who is conservative in his views, has stated that the Independence promises to be a steady shipper as soon as the V., V. & E. railway, now graded to Hedley, *en route* to Vancouver, reaches Bear Creek. The railway tracks will cross the property. A large tonnage of shipping ore of good grade has been blocked out.

A local mine manager, of the conservative type, and "local" means Kootenay, told the *Nelson Daily News* recently that without much fuss, mining in south-eastern British Columbia was steadily on the up-grade at the present time and that the balance of the year would yield good results. He pointed out the good work quietly being done in Rossland, in the Boundary and in East Kootenay, as well as in some portions of the Slocan country, and added that while he expected no particular boom in the industry, the outlook was, in his opinion, a decidedly healthy and encouraging one. He drew special attention to the number of small properties that were being developed all through the Kootenay.