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NEWS OF THE MINES.

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Vancouver, B.C., July 20.—Hon. J. E. Girouard, who passed through the city last fall en route to Dawson, where he was appointed a member of the Council of Administration for that District, is on his way East. He is authority for the statement that the royalties so far this year will exceed the sum of \$800,000. He estimated the total output from the mines to be at least \$20,000,000. He explained the discrepancy upon the royalty, as against the total output, on the ground that the former had been diminished, because it was now only levied on all sums over \$5,000 instead of over \$2,000 as formerly. No claim, he said, was worked at all, unless it was proving rich, because labor and other expenses have been so high. Practically, the paying claims were confined to the five principal creeks worked last year.

W. W. Stumbles, of the Marine and Fisheries Department Ottawa, is collecting fine mounted specimens of aquatic birds, fish or mammals for the Paris Exposition.

It is now fully admitted that there was nothing to justify the Wreck Bay gold boom.

Encouraging, as well as doleful reports come from Atlin. A miner named Blenkinson, who located on Discovery, Wright Creek, took out 196 ounces in ten days. Ex-Alderman Shaw, of Vancouver, is having a run of luck in the Atlin. He owns several claims, and it is stated that lately he has been cleaning up in the vicinity of \$200 per day. The water is rising rapidly in many of the creeks and has stopped work, but from various claims where the digging is still in progress good reports are being received.

Harry Whitney Frost, the New Yorker, who is moving spirit in Van Anda Copper mine, Texada Island, has brought down a sample of first matter turned out by the Van Anda smelter. Treat states that the first shipment of matte will be made early in August, when two tons will be sent down for transhipment to New York, where it

will be sold in open market to Eastern refiners. The starting up of the smelter has caused quite an excitement up the Coast and has also had great effect on the stock market. To-day Judge Shope, of Chicago, sold 97,000 shares of Van Anda for \$10,000 or ten cents a share. He probably bought for less than \$5,000.

NEWS FROM GRAND FORKS.

Work on the Pathfinder mine on the North Fork of Kettle river, is progressing satisfactorily. No. 1 shaft has been sunk along the foot wall to a depth of 100 feet and crosscut a distance of about 23 feet. This crosscut shows about 12 feet of ore of good shipping grade. The exact extent of the vein has not yet been determined, as the crosscut has not been extended to the hanging wall. The south drift in No. 2 tunnel is in 35 feet. It shows up a fine body of chalcopryite ore with a quartz gangue. Counting the width of the tunnel at five feet, and drilling a hole four and a half feet and striking no wall, the ore body thus far has been demonstrated to be at least nine and a half feet wide. The values are in gold and copper running from \$12 to \$28 per ton in gold and copper, as well as two ounces of silver. The surface stope, 13½ feet south of the same lead, is 12 feet wide of clean ore averaging \$20 to \$30 per ton in gold and copper. Two shifts are at work on the drift. One shift is employed on the surface cut. A fire-drill plant will be installed as soon as the railway reaches the Boundary country.

The local company has been incorporated under the rivers and streams act for the purpose of engaging in the boomage and milling business on the North Fork of Kettle River. The incorporators, who are backed by eastern capital, include Richard Armstrong, Chas. Cumings, E. Spragget, and H. S. Cayisy. They intend to clear the river of all obstructions for a distance of 60 miles north of Grand Forks in order to facilitate the floating down of saw logs. A dam will be built above the city. The proposed improvements, which will cost about \$35,000, will have the effect of con-

centrating at Grand Forks a large saw mill industry which promises to give employment to hundreds of men for many years to come.

The magnitude of the water power now being developed on the North Fork of Kettle River, near this city, for the Granby Smelter company, can be appreciated by the fact that in addition to supplying its own requirements, the company proposes selling electrical energy to a dozen or more tributary Boundary mining camps. Owing to the cost of getting out wood for fuel purposes, electricity can be furnished for compressor plants at one-third of the existing cost.

The travel into the Boundary country through Grand Forks is increasing by leaps and bounds. The arrivals here by stage exceed 100 daily, and frequently they number 150. Although a portion of the new Yale hotel has been opened, the hotel accommodation here is still insufficient. A goodly proportion of these arrivals represent business men who are visiting various points in the Boundary with a view to selecting business locations. The permanent population of the city, according to the estimate of the chief of police, is being increased at the rate of ten daily. There are 500 more people here than there were two months ago. Despite the number of buildings that have been erected, or are under construction, many new comers are unable to secure proper quarters. The result is that the outskirts of the city are literally dotted with tents whose occupants in many instances are awaiting the completion of buildings of their own.

J. Whitback, while doing assessment work this week on his claim on John Manly's ranch, half a mile from this city limits, struck a body of solid ore at a depth of 30 feet. Assays give values at from \$25 to \$43 per ton in gold and copper. Two shifts were placed to work to-day.

Various municipal by-laws, embracing an extensive scheme of civic improvements as well as a \$30,000 bonus to the Granby smelter, now building here, were unanimously adopted at the police to-day, with a single exception. The franchise sought by