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MINES AND MINING

American Eagle Company Purchases the Nevada Property.

IT HAS WIDE VEINS OF ORE

An Important Strike Has Been Made in the 150-Foot Level of the Brandon & Golden Crown in the Boundary Creek Country.

R. C. Pollett recently purchased the Nevada mineral claim for the American Eagle Gold Mining company. The Nevada is situated on Porcupine creek, a little over a mile from the railroad and about two miles from the town of Ymir. The Rio Grande company's property adjoins this claim, and the Jubilee, Sadie and Blue Eyed Nellie lie just across the creek on the north. The claim is traversed by three ledges, the main one being over 50 feet wide on the surface, and upon this most of the work is being done. At least $1,000 has already been expended upon this property. A shaft five by seven feet has been sunk on the main ledge 35 feet deep, and thereon is a substantial shaft house. Some very fine concentrating ore has been encountered near the bottom of the shaft, and from tests which have been made it can be concentrated five tons to one, the one ton of concentrates giving $133 in values.

All of the rock or gangue which forms the ledge is mineralized, and upon having an average sample of this rock assayed over $9 was returned, of which $6 was in gold; it was also found capable of concentrating 25 tons to 1 with a net return of $112.76. It is anticipated that it will pay to put in a fair sized concentrating plant in the near future, as should present indications obtain this property will be on a self sustaining basis by the end of the year. The property has been surveyed and is now in process of crown granting.

Hon. T. Mayne Daly, Ross Thompson, G. W. McBride and C. E. Benn, in conjunction with Mr. Pollett, have consented to act as directors of the company. There is a limited amount of promoters' stock, at quite a low figure, still open for purchase, the proceeds from which will be applied to the advantage of the property, further development, etc.

AN EXCELLENT STRIKE.

A Fine Body of Ore Struck on the Brandon & Golden Crown.

The Hon. T. Mayne Daly, president of the Brandon & Golden Crown, received a telephone message on Saturday from G. H. Collins, general manager of the Brandon & Golden Crown Mining company, Greenwood, that the ore body had been struck in the crosscut at the 150-foot level, the width of the vein being the same as it is at the 100-foot level, viz: five feet. Average assays of the ore vein at the 100-foot level (not picked specimens) yielded $18 to $22 in gold to the ton. The ore in the upraise of the crosscut at the 150-foot level averages $32.80 in gold and nearly 4 per cent in copper per ton. The officials of the company are highly gratified with the present results of their enterprise.

DUNDEE CONCENTRATOR.

Its Output Will Make the Mine Self-Supporting—The Fairmont.

G. L. Parker returned Monday from Ymir, where he has been superintending the starting of the concentrating mill at the Dundee mine. He reports that the mill worked very satisfactorily, although it has been necessary to shut it down on account of the cold snap freezing up the water. The mill has a capacity of 50 tons per day. The ore is concentrated six into one, and the concentrates are worth from $50 to $60 per ton. These concentrates will be shipped to Northport for reduction as the smelter at Nelson is now shut down. Now that the concentrator is installed the Dundee will immediately be placed on a self-supporting basis and should pay dividends before the year is over. It will be necessary to purchase a compressor plant and other machinery. The mine can easily supply with its present plant 50 tons of ore per day, which is the capacity of the concentrator. With this output the additional machinery needed can be paid for. The fixed charges for operating the mine and development work can also be paid for. Therefore, there will be no further need for the raising of funds by the Dundee company.

Besides the concentrating ore there are chutes of ore that give smelter returns of $55 to the ton. This class of ore will be shipped to the smelter without concentration. It will, therefore, be seen that the outlook for the Dundee is a promising one.

The Fairmont property is looking well. At a depth of 70 feet in the shaft four feet of shipping ore has been encountered. The intention is to begin the shipping of this ore to the smelter at the earliest possible moment.

PROMISING PROPERTIES.

Good News From the Section West of Okanagan Lake.

The Canadian-American Gold Mining and Development company, whose mining operations are carried on chiefly about 15 miles west of Okanagan lake, have secured a controlling interest in the capital stock of the Camp Hewett Mining and Milling company.

The Camp Hewett properties comprise 10 gold-copper claims situated on Okanagan lake at the new town of Peachland, which is located 20 miles north of Penticton on the west side of the lake. About $10,000 have already been expended in development work upon these properties, and four of the claims are now being crown granted. Average assays from a three-foot ledge on the Gladstone, one of this company's claims, gave $38.14 gold and copper, and two mill tests of a ton each sent to the Tacoma and Everett smelters gave $22.35 and $22.16 respectively.

Work will be resumed on two of these properties under direction of the Canadian-American superintendent about February 15th.

On the Silver King, owned by the Canadian-American Gold Mining & Development company, 250 feet of tunnels have been driven since November 1, last. At 80 feet driven across an oxidized white porphyry dyke an eight-inch seam of quartz, carrying $28, chiefly copper, was encountered. A drift of 40 feet on this seam lead to a vein 12 feet wide of beautiful white and grey quartz, free milling, giving assays from a trace to $56 in gold and silver. This large vein was explored by a drift of 100 feet to the right and found in place and lying between very pretty walls, and also by several crosscuts. Last week a winze was started at the point at where the copper seam crossed the big vein. This will be sunk to the 100 foot level with all possible speed. If the vein is permanent at this depth, a stamp mill will be erected on this property next summer.

Strong pressure is being brought to bear on the local government by Princeton people to secure the construction of a wagon road to Okanagan lake. The distance from Princeton to Peachland via Glenrobinson, is about 43 miles, while the actual distance traveled by stage from Spence's bridge to Princeton is 122 miles. At the present time the old Granite creek trail from Peachland to Painceton is in very good condition, when the snow is off the ground, and might be used by those who wanted to reach the Copper Mountain country in a hurry.

ORO DENERO.

It Has Been Successfully Floated by W. Wallach.

After long and weary traveling away from home W. Wallach has returned to Rossland, and he comes as a bearer of good news and as a harbinger of hopes for future prosperity. Mr. Wallach went east a few weeks ago, representing a large syndicate which had the control of the King Mining company. This company owns the Oro Denero mine, which certainly is a mine. The shaft on this property is now down 60 feet, and a contract has been let for further development to the extent of 300 feet. There were first of all placed on the market 100,000 shares of stock at 12 cents, and they have since risen to 25 cents.

It is reported from authentic sources that the tendency of the purchasers in the east who have become convinced of the legitimacy of mining as an investment is to put their faith and—what is more to the point—their capital in Boundary investments. As a proof of this the following gentlemen may be cited among those who have become interested in these among many other prospects and mines: The president of the board of trade of Montreal, the president of the Bank of Ville Marie, the president of the St. Lawrence Sugar Refinery, many prominent men of Quebec and four leading firms of stock brokers in Montreal and the vicinity.

Despite the many drawbacks the Boundary country has had, and despite the natural tendency all Britishers have to invest in South Africa, Mr. Wallach has received many telegrams from England and Scotland asking him to hold the bidders some shares in the mining company in which he is interested.

THE B. C. MINE.

A Force of 20 Men to Recommence Development Work.

GREENWOOD, Feb. 6.—John M. Scrafford of Rossland came here recently with 20 practical miners from that city and proceeded at once to the B. C. mine. Mr. Scrafford has been appointed superintendent of that mine. The B. C. is to be opened up on a very extensive scale. A new 40-ton matting plant will soon be installed, the first of its kind ever operated in this district. A fine plant is on the way here and as soon as placed they will sink a 1,000-foot three compartment working shaft on the B. C. Something over $500,000 has been placed in the treasury to carry on this work, and it is anticipated that a large force of miners will be brought here from Rossland upon the arrival of the plant.

A five-foot ore chute has been struck on the Winnipeg at the 300-foot level. This property is close to Greenwood and promises well for future development.

The Lily May.

The shaft of the Lily May has reached a depth of 210 feet. From the 200-foot level a drift is being run. The entire bottom of the shaft is in ore and there is a two-foot seam of a shipping grade.

Pay Ore in the Commander.

The crosscut on the 300-foot level of the Commander is making good progress. It has been run for a distance of 40 feet along the ledge and there is a foot of pay ore on the hanging wall.

The Wallingford.

The tunnel is now in 230 feet, and in the last 20 feet they have encountered good mineral, chiefly iron, with strong copper showing.

An Opera House Assured.

It appears that the suggestion made in Sunday's MINER that a new opera house should be built has already been acted on. We have it on good authority that a well known citizen, canvassing his friends on the subject Monday, was informed that action had already been taken and the details were well in hand. THE MINER cordially endorses the rink project, which has proved so successful, and will be only too glad to do the same in this instance. Good luck to the promoters.

The Court House Appropriation.

Many of the people of Rossland are anxiously inquiring as to when they can hear about that appropriation for the court house, and they especially want to know whether the promise made to James M. Martin for a much larger appropriation will be fulfilled, and the estimates show that he is looking after the interests of the city. At the meeting of the city council today the matter will come up, and some action will undoubtedly be taken.

IN OUTSIDE CAMPS

Development Is Going On Throughout the Kootenay.

THE VANCOUVER'S CHECK

Rich Strike in the Noonday Property—Mine Paying Running Expenses During Its Development—The Ymir Will Start Up With Good Prospects.

Good news comes from all parts of the Kootenays during the past week. Development has been actively going on everywhere. The Ymir mill started up at the same time as the Dundee concentrator and is doing good work. A rich strike has been made in the Noonday mine near Silverton, and the ore taken out during development is paying the working expenses. Five cars of ore sent out from the Vancouver mine, near Silverton, realized $14,000, or about $3,000 a car, after paying all transportation and smelting charges.

BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

The Tip Top in Skylark camp, has been bonded to Mr. Odell of Spokane, who proposes to organize a company for its development.

The owners of the Trilby claim in Skylark camp are applying for a crown grant. The Trilby lies next to the Tip Top, which has so recently been bonded, and will be operated by a joint stock company.

Work has again been resumed on the Bruce tunnel on Ingram mountain near Midway, and although the present contract calls for only a few feet of work it is expected before the contract is completed the tunnel will be in such ore as will warrant much more work being done.

The Lake claim in Providence camp has been purchased by Spokane parties, represented by F. R. Ginnell, who recently put through the deal on the La Fleur-Comstock properties with the British America corporation. The Lake adjoins the Last Chance and is considered a promising property, as the ore carries good values in silver and gold, the former predominating.—Midway Advance.

During the past two weeks several mining deals of more than unusal importance have been made in this city, says the Grand Forks Miner. Among these were two of considerable importance to this district, whereby an English syndicate with headquarters at Vancouver bonded the Twins and Lilly K. mineral claims, situated on Brown's creek, and O. G. Laberee, a prominent stockholder in the Knob Hill and Old Ironsides mines, and his eastern associates, became the owner of the Blackhorn and Tintie claims in Deadwood camp. The amount of the bond in the former case was $50,000, five per cent of which was paid down, and the balance is to be made in two equal payments in six and 12 months, while the consideration is said to be $100,000, and deferred payments are to be made before August 1st, 1900.

Good progress is being made on the Big Swede tunnel, which is now in between 50 and 60 feet, says the Midway Advance. The Big Swede is situated on Myers creek, to the south of Rock creek, and is owned by Messrs. Conkle and Donald, who with a third party are doing their own work. The tunnel on the Big Swede was started near one wall, and is being driven so as to crosscut the ledge, which shows on the surface as a tremendous outcrop of iron fully 150 feet wide and running the whole length of the claim. In this iron could be discovered here and there on the surface some copper, but the cropping was so big it was impossible without a great deal of work to find the richest portion of the ledge. It was therefore decided to drive a tunnel and cut the ore body at a depth of some 300 feet. This, it would seem, was a wise resolution, for now the tunnel having been driven nearly 60 feet, the copper is gradually coming in and the ore is looking better every day that work is continued. So encouraged are the owners that they are prosecuting work in the tunnel with great vigor. A fine body of ore may be broken into in the Big Swede at any time now.

NELSON DIVISION.

The Ymir mill commenced running simultaneously with the Dundee, says the Ymir Miner, and has a capacity of 100 tons per diem. The mine is developed by three tunnels, the lowest of which, No. 3, is about 8,000 feet. This tunnel is connected with No. 2,100 feet above, by a winze. No. 2 tunnel has been driven in about 1,100 feet, while about 300 feet of crosscutting has also been done in connection with this tunnel, and 110 feet above this tunnel is a blind tunnel, about 700 feet in length, known as the No. 1 level. These two tunnels are connected by a shaft and vertical raise. A shaft called the No. 1 shaft has been sunk a distance of 100 feet from the surface to the upper tunnel, with an adit 20 feet below the surface. This latter formed part of the work done by the prospectors who owned the mine originally. A second shaft, known as the Rockland shaft, has also been sunk on the vein from the surface to the No. 1 level. The Rockland shaft is 165 feet deep, and a station has been made and a tunnel run at the 80-foot level. All the tunnels have been driven in on the vein and are in ore practically their entire length, and little or no dead work has had to be done, and there is on the dump about 7,000 tons of ore taken out in the course of development.

EAST KOOTENAY.

Thursday last the St. Eugene mine made its first shipment of ore, consisting of five cars, the gross amount being 110 tons. The ore is consigned to the Trail Smelting company, West Kootenay. The rate is $20 per ton, which includes freight and treatment. It is expected that the ore shipped will net about $20 to $22 per ton. The St. Eugene and Lake Shore claims will make daily shipments from now on.—The Prospector.

SLOCAN DIVISION.

Ten inches of ore has been encountered on the Palmito, Sandon.

The Bosun shipped 120 tons in January, and will equal or surpass that mark in February.

The Silver mountain properties that are being worked report no new developments this week.

The Last Chance shipped six car loads of ore last week—the Reco 20 tons and Trade Dollar 16 tons.

The Payne has sent out 280 tons of ore. One hundred tons were shipped via the K. & S. road and 180 tons by the C. P. R.

The Trade Dollar, Sandon, shipped 20 tons last week. One hundred tons will be shipped in February. Seven men are employed.

It is reported that Dick Shea has transferred his interest in the Rambler-Cariboo mine to Messrs. Coolidge, McClaine and Adams.

Ore shipments from the big Four Mile properties last week amounted to six car loads. Five of these were sent from the Wakefield mine and one from the Vancouver.

Recent work on the Royal Five group, adjoining the Mollie Hughes, says the New Denver Ledge, has developed a strong dry ore ledge two feet in thickness. The tunnel is in 28 feet and the ledge is well defined, free from both walls.

The concentrator of the Comstock Mines, Four Mile, was started up on the 1st of February. It has a capacity of 60 tons per day, and will add about two car loads of ore from the Silverton mines per week.

A cubic foot of lead ore weighs 674 pounds. Thus a vein of galena one foot wide, six feet high and six feet long will produce 16,582 pounds; or a ven 1½ inches wide will net one ton to the fathom, three inches wide two tons, six inches wide four tons, etc.

J. Bernard Tierney and F. Lynch of Nelson have taken a working bond and lease on the Alberta mineral claim, situate about one mile southeast of Ainsworth. Work will be commenced at once. They are now engaged in sorting the ore on the dump for shipment to the Hall Mines smelter, says the New Denver Ledge.

Five feet of concentrating ore has been struck in the No. 7 tunnel on the Noble Five, about 500 feet from the surface. The ore will mill six to one, which will give a concentrated value of 140 ounces silver and 20 per cent lead. Work is being forced in the drift to show the extent of the ore body encountered.

A bond for $5,000 has been given by Messrs. Cross, Byron and Lloyd of Silverton, on the Frisco claim, near the Fidelity and Bosun. Considerable work has already been done on the property, and a force of miners will be put to work at once.

A winze is being sunk in the No. 3 tunnel at the Vancouver group, about 450 feet in from the mouth, says the Silvertonian. This winze was started last Wednesday and three eight-hour shifts will be employed. It will be sunk as deep as the water will allow and if it justifies another crosscut tunnel will be driven still lower down the mountain and tapping the ledge at a greater depth.

The last of the machinery for the Comstock concentrator was unloaded at the wharf on Tuesday, the delay in its delivery having been the means of postponing the completion and starting up of the mill. One box of machinery, which became lost in transit, had to be duplicated in Sandon. Now that all is in readiness, the concentrator will begin grinding away at once.

Quite a little stir has been caused in the local mining world, by the rich strike made on the Noonday property, near town, during the past week. Specimens have been brought down, that are little less than pure silver itself, and which will assay 10,000 ounces or better. The parties now operating the mine, Benedum and Stewart Bros. of Silverton, are taking out enough ore to more than pay for the running expenses of the mine, while developing. Last week, they struck a streak of over a foot of 200-ounce ore, and, lying on the upper side of this streak, is a streak of some three inches of ore, that is literally alive with wire and leaf silver. This rich streak was unlooked for by the management, as the drift being run was being driven for the purpose of cutting a big chute of galena ore, at depth, that has been exposed on the surface. Work has necessarily been slow, as the rich ore has to be taken care of so as not to waste it. The Noonday has been known as a promising property for some time, but that it contained ore of such richness as the present operators are extracting, was not dreamed of by the owners.—The Silvertonian.

REVELSTOKE AND TROUT LAKE.

On Trout creek some very good strikes were made last year, owned principally by Messrs. Jowett, Campbell, Davy and McDonald. Considerable work will be done on these next season.

It will only be a short time now until work is resumed on the Badshot. This property has already some 30 tons of ore on the dump and next season's work will further increase this amount.

On the I. X. L., a North Fork property, extensive development operations will be commenced shortly. Three or four men will be employed and their labors, it is expected, will open up a very large ore body. This property has one of the finest surface showings in that section.

Five Mile creek, one of the feeders to Trout Lake on the southwestern side, has a great many valuable properties staked on it. But as last season was a short one and a trail had to be built in order to get to the properties, very little beyond the work required by law was done on them. The claims there, however, have exceptionally fine surface indications and next season may furnish another group to the list of Trout Lake developed prospects, the future for which is away above the average.

Regarding the Great Northern, True Fissure and Broadview groups, it is generally conceded that they, although containing immense ore bodies and in an advanced stage of development, will make no attempt to ship ore until the cheap transportation question is solved by the construction of a railroad. Some 1,000 tons of ore are lying stacked on these properties which will run anywhere from $30 to $75 to the ton in silver, lead and copper.

The work on the Lade group will be recommenced shortly. This property, it will be remembered, is the one on which the great strike of telluride ore was made in the summer of '97. Since then work has been going on as steadily as the owners' circumstances would permit. A 150-foot tunnel was commenced to tap the lead at depth and it is expected that the early part of next season will see it completed. The ore which was taken out a year ago last fall, some six tons, gave returns of $220 to the ton of gold, and some of the finer samples are simply held together by the gold that is contained in them.

THE BOARD OF TRADE

Permanent Exhibit of Kootenay's Minerals Recommended.

Active Steps to Be Taken to Increase the Membership, and $10 Is to Be the Fee For the Year.

There was a meeting of the Rossland board of trade at the city offices last evening, with President Fraser in the chair. Those present included C. O. Lalonde, W. T. Oliver, John Ferguson McCrae, J. B. McArthur, A. B. Clabon, Arthur Marsh, Alexander Dick, and Acting Secretary H. W. C. Jackson.

Letters were read from Hewitt Bostock, Aulay Morrison, Sir Hibbard Tupper, Colonel Prior, Hugh Sutherland and others, promising to use their utmost efforts to obtain a public building for Dominion purposes in Rossland that would be a credit to the city.

A number of applications were received for copies of the board of trade souvenir, and the report was made that these could not be supplied.

A member of other boards of trade from the Kootenay district asked for the friendly offices of the Rossland board in urging for an appropriation for a representative at the Earl's Court exhibition and at the Paris exposition. Vancouver wanted this appropriation to be at least $100,000, but the board thought one-tenth of that sum would be enough and will recommend an appropriation of $10,000 for the two exhibits. Another matter in connection with these exhibitions came up and the opinion was expressed that it was desirable to have a collection of the minerals of the province in England, which could be moved around to the different fairs and exhibitions in the United Kingdom.

The president and the secretary were instructed to sign a petition for a daily mail in and out over the Red Mountain railway and several of the other members did the same.

J. F. McCrea gave notice of a motion to make the membership fee of $10 include the annual dues for this year and the committee on membership was instructed to make an active canvass during the week so as to induce the merchants, business men and brokers to become members of the board. The meeting was adjourned to next Wednesday evening.

THE LIONS VICTORIOUS.

They Defeated the Tigers by a Score of Two to Nothing.

One of the hottest hockey games of the season was played last evening at the rink between J. W. Spring's Lions and Bett Hunter's Tigers before a large and representative gathering. The game was fast and furious from start to finish, and the Lions, in red jerseys and yellow belts, finally pulled out winners over their opponents by a score of two to nothing. The Tigers wore white jerseys.

The teams were evenly matched, for in the first half not a goal was scored, but in the second half the Lions seemed to play up well, and scored two goals. The Tigers were a much heavier team than the Lions, but the lack of superfluous flesh on the Lions stood them in good stead.

There was considerable rough play on both sides, and at times Referee Chesterton was kept busy warning the players to be less aggressive.

The players complained that several articles had been stolen from the dressing room while they were playing. One of the players lost a pair of rubbers, a pair of gloves and a hockey stick, and others lost various personal belongings.

QUEBEC'S FINANCES.

Premier Marchand Claims They Are in Better Condition.

QUEBEC, Feb. 8.—Premier Marchand delivered his annual budget speech in the legislative assembly yesterday afternoon, speaking for several hours. The treasurer reviewed his statement of last year that no railway subsidies will be granted until he has attained an equilibrium in the province's finances. The treasurer claims that the liabilities of the province have not been increased during the year, but that the deficit of of $810,000 of 1896-7 has been reduced to one of $187,000, in 1897-8. The treasurer estimates the ordinary receipts for the coming year 1899-1900 at $4,204,899 and ordinary expenditure of $4,177,785, but there will be an addition to the capital expenditure of $446,812.

Mr. Marchand dwelt upon the crippling affect of the debt upon the province and urges all to join an economical administration of the province until the heavy burden of interest is removed.

THE STOCK MARKET

The Volume of Business Was Large During the Week.

THE MARKET IS RISING

Rossland Standard Stocks Increasing in Price—Boundary, Republic, Slocan and Ymir Shares Are Being Eagerly Sought For.

There was a large volume of business transacted during the week ending yesterday. In fact it was the best week of the year, and was as good as some of the better ones of last year. The market is a rising one, not only for the standard stocks of this camp, but also for those of other camps. The indications, too, are that the flurry will be a pronounced one and that it will extend over a considerable period.

One of the features of the movement in local stocks was the advance in Evening Stars. They have risen from 6 to 10 cents, and were firm at the latter figure last evening.

Deer Parks in the early part of the week could have been picked up at 17¾ cents and are now firm at 18½ cents. The advance is due to the fact that the company has sent one carload of ore to the smelter, and intends to send more as soon as the weather moderates so that the water for washing the ore can once more be obtained.

Commanders are in good demand and have sold during the week at from 12 to 13 cents.

Virginias have advanced from 42 to 47 cents. It is in good demand, and all the cheap shares have been picked up.

There has been an increase in the demand for Iron Horses and shares offered for even a shade under 18 cents were picked up by ready buyers.

Novelties have sold well and the price of 3½ cents has prevailed during the week.

Iron Masks have fallen off three cents and yesterday they were selling for 90 cents.

There has been considerable dealing in the Republic group of stocks. Lone Pines have been the favorites and sold yesterday for 38@39 cents. The ledge was struck in the Butte & Boston company's property on Tuesday and the shares, which had been previously selling for 10 cents began to rise rapidly. Last evening they were quoted as high as 16 cents. Princess Mauds have sold rather freely and are quoted at 14½ cents. Morning Glories are selling for 18½ cents.

There is some considerable inquiry for Agnesses.

Cariboos (Camp McKinney) continue to be the wonder of the stock market. Yesterday they were quoted at $1.60. This is an advance of 10 cents in the last few days. Waterloos rose from 8 to 10½ cents during the past few days. There is a demand for Minnehahas at 24 cents. These shares have risen from 18 cents in the past few days.

Athabascas are favorities with investors and there is considerable of a run on them, and they are selling at from 53 to 55 cents.

Noble Fives are in demand and are quoted at 28 cents.

Rambler-Cariboos are in considerable demand and yesterday they were selling at 26 cents.

Brandon & Golden Crowns, since the strike in the 150-foot level of the property of the company, have been in increased demand and they are selling at 25 cents.

Since the Dundee concentrator began operations there has been considerable demand for its shares. Yesterday there were but few on the market, and some sales were made for 31@32 cents. The shares of the Fairmont Mining company, which is operating the property adjoining the Dundee, were in increased demand during the week and 10 cents was the ruling rate. Sarah Lees are selling for 7½ cents.

A number of Okanogan Free Golds changed hands during the week at from 11 to 12½ cents. The company expects to have its mill in operation inside of the next 60 days.

NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY

London Does Not Yet Believe in British Columbia.

C. R. Hamilton Thinks That This Province Is Not Yet Properly Before the British Public.

C. R. Hamilton, of the firm of Daly & Hamilton, the well known attorneys of Rossland, has returned from his visit to the Old Country, and expresses himself as delighted to see Rossland one more. "Of course, I had a pleasant time while at home, but I was spending most of my time with my own people, because I went for pleasure and not for business, and the general public is not interested in what I did or whom I saw while visiting my family.

"I spent a few days in London and saw some financiers there who have become interested in British Columbia mining stocks, and in every instance I found that the few who had taken hold of B. C. stocks were more than satisfied with their investments. But British Columbia has never been taken seriously in London; there has been no furore, as there has been no advertising, and the one only thing that has made talk of British Columbia was the successful flotation of the Le Roi. South African securities absorbed a large amount of the spare capital for a while in London, but there is plenty waiting if only British Columbia can wake up and show what she can do. When London knows what British Columbia has there will be no question of capital coming in, but as I said before the province has never been taken seriously."