

held by disinterested parties in Rossland relative to this and also surrounding properties:

HATTIE BROWN IMPROVING.

Surface prospecting on the Hattie Brown was finished before the recent snowstorm and the work resulted in disclosing the presence of five veins running through the property, all of which justify development. The discovery vein has been stripped for 200 feet from the old workings and looks very strong and continuous. Work has for the time being been concentrated on a permanent working shaft which is being put down on the big north vein. This shaft is now down 20 feet and was started on well mineralized vein matter which is gradually giving place to a solid pyrrhotite. A shaft house and blacksmith shop are now being erected.

There is a district in the South Belt which is probably destined to make a sensation within the next few weeks for very high grade ore and plenty of it. It is impossible as yet to give the exact limitations of this district or to describe it accurately, but it may be said to include the Silver Bell, Lily May, Curlew, Blue Bird, Hattie Brown, Red Eagle, Mayflower, and probably the Hill Top, Little Bess, Alfe, and other claims in that vicinity. The assays recently had from the Mayflower, Red Eagle and Silver Bell are quite surprising and leave no doubt of the richness of the ore in those claims. A peculiarity is that the chief element of value in these ores is silver. They also carry some lead. All of them carry gold * *
* Active work is now being done on the Silver Bell, Lily May, Mayflower, Blue Bird and Hattie Brown, and work is to commence immediately on the Red Eagle. We may reasonably expect, therefore, to have important news from this gold-silver district at any time.