

DEVELOPMENT WORK.

Before the incorporation of the Silver Bell Mining Co. the owners of the property commenced development by having the vein stripped, and numerous open cuts made, which determined the width and strength of the ledge. Actual mining will now be pushed vigorously, and no time lost in putting the property upon a paying basis.

OTHER MINES OF THIS DISTRICT.

No doubt this mine will be to Rossland what the Silver King is to Nelson, and it is safe to predict that its shares of stock will reach a like value. The latter mine has already paid a very large amount in dividends, and its stock is now quoted at \$12.50 per share.

Among the mines surrounding Rossland the LeRoi is probably the most widely known, on account of its remarkable record, it having paid dividends for the past two years, averaging at present \$25,000 per month, beside paying for one of the most expensive machinery plants in British Columbia.

In the beginning of 1895 Le Roi stock could be bought for 25 cents per share. To-day it is worth \$6.00 per share.

THE MINING DISTRICT IN GENERAL.

That the Province of British Columbia is rich in precious metals has been known for years, many millions of dollars having been extracted from its placer mines during the last thirty years, but until ten years ago little was known of the extensive bodies of ore which are now attracting the attention of the mining world.

At about this time the celebrated lead ores of the Kootenay Lake region, and afterward the silver ores of the Slocan district, and now the gold and copper ores of the Trail Creek country, induced the investment of a large amount of capital, which has yielded, and is now yielding, handsome returns to the investor.