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OUR LONDON LETTER

A Growing **Liking in England for British Columbia Investments.**

STOCKS COMING TO THE FRONT

A Gossipy **Article From Our Own Correspondent on the Condition of the Market and the Activity of Those Who Have B. C. Mining Interests on Hand.**

[From Our Special Correspondent.]

London, May 6. — Are we to have a boom in British Columbia at last? Well, it is difficult to decide whether or no there is enough backbone in the British Columbia section and its supporters to warrant such an attempt, but undoubtedly there are signs that the English investor is beginning to appreciate the fact that the mines of the province will sooner or later make a great name for British Columbia in Europe. Of late there has been a growing disposition to attract public attention to the more prominent companies, and the big upward movement that has taken place in B. A. C's and Le Rois has, of course, helped those who have been trying to push British Columbia mining. That Canadian mining is attracting the attention of others than those whose interests naturally may tend to color their views is proved by the following line or two from last night's Pall Mall Gazette, Millionaire Astor's ably edited and influential journal:

"It seems probable that some determined efforts will be made before long to start British Columbia generally on the up-grade."

Now, an expression of opinion such as this is worth columns of the nonsense which you will read in organs claiming to be usually well informed about British Columbia. It shows that the organ which belabored Whitaker Wright so unmercifully some time ago over certain actions of his is quite ready to act fairly and call attention to developments as they present themselves, irrespective of the man or men to whom they owe their origin. And although I myself have not hesitated to drub the Whitaker Wright group as soundly as a poor London correspondent can ever hope to drub the pachydermatous hide of a company promoter, when, in my opinion, occasion warranted censure, I am sincerely pleased to place on record that, in my opinion—however posterity may judge the financial methods of the Whitaker Wright group, either in connection with West Australia or British Columbia—Mr. Wright, its mainspring and mainstay, the city Llama, the man who always sports his oak to the intrusive inquirer after news, to all but "a select few"—everyone of whom I know and could name—has done more for British Columbia than British Columbia has done for itself. He was the first financier who began to talk of millions sterling in connection with the country, and has made British Columbia more than a mere name in the City of London. Even while disagreeing with his methods and cordially supporting the fearless Hess of the London Critic in his trenchant criticisms of Mr. Wright's financial feats of legerdemain, I can yet fully appreciate all the good he has done the country, and wish that he may be successful in giving it better advertisment by making both the B. A. C. and the Le Roi dividend payers. The movements in these two latter shares during the past few weeks have been sensational, Le Roi advancing to about £8 1-2, or a premium of 70 per cent, and B. A. C's to about 26 shillings. To a large extent this big advance in all the Whitaker Wright shares may be in preparation for either or both of two approaching events.

First.—The special settlement in Le Rois.

Second.—The flotation of the Standard Exploration company.

The latter is formed with the object of acquiring and consolidating a lot of West Australian companies, owing their origin in large part to Whitaker Wright's insatiable appetite for the excitement attending the promotion of joint stock companies. But as it has called public attention to British Columbia, it is good for the province, whatever may be its motive. Dealing in British Columbia things cannot be said to be on an active scale, but that there has been a big change in sentiment both inside and outside the stock exchange is undeniable.

The recovery therein shown is so satisfactory that it makes one hope that this higher range of prices—in many cases unfortunately, purely nominal—is due to an increased demand for the different shares, the latter in turn being due to the developments recently reported by such leading mines as the Le Roi, the Athabasca, the Ymir, Whitewater, Porto Rico, etc. There has probably been a little more buying of some of the best properties, but unfortunately the tactics which are adopted in "making-a-market" in this country often entirely preclude the possibility of testing the value of the different movements, and the only way in which one can ascertain the real amount of investment dealing is by a careful examination of the share register of any particular company. In my own mind, however, I am quite satisfied that the people who have taken British Columbia in hand are determined to make every effort to make it a good third to South Africa and West Australia, and there are so many of the different groups in these two markets already interested in one way or another in your mines that it seems to me quite possible that when they have finished with Kaffirs and Kangaroos, they may find time to turn a little attention to British Columbia.

Quite a number of British Columbians are here, among them Miss Leagh-Spencer of Vancouver and Nanaimo, who, I believe desires to try her fortunes here as a mining broker, etc.

J. H. Turner has been addressing the shareholders of the Klondike and Columbia Gold Fields—one of the interesting Morris Cotton group. Funnily enough his presence coincides with a remarkable report, a very peculiar reference by the auditors thereupon, and a long delayed meeting of shareholders. Mr. Turner can hardly have felt pleased with the way in which the Financial Times, the Pall Mall Gazette, the Financial News, etc., criticized the Morris Cotton group, or with the first named's article on "Three Wild Cattons," last Saturday, and its reference to his connection with the group.

The B. C. and New Find company, whose secretary is young Turner, has held its meeting, and thereat very favorable statements were made about the Athabasca.

Mr. Mackintosh has, of course been interviewed by the Mining World, which has also done a good deal for the province by its display of the banner of St. George from its Fleet street office, and a leading article expressing its patriotism.

The Hall Mines has raised about half of its £50,000 6 per cent debentures, and although the shares have remained very dull, at about 12-6, hopes are entertained that with this further capital, the company will be enabled to recover its position in the market.

The Canadian Pacific Exploration has moved its offices, and changed its secretary, etc., owing to the representations made at the recent meeting regarding the necessity of exercising every possible economy.

The L. & B. C. Gold Fields group has been a strong feature, and Ymirs hardened on the news that the 40 stamps had started.

What is the Dundee doing? I haven't seen a reference to it for a long while, and doubt whether there has been a bargain in its shares this year on this side. I had hoped for great things from the Dundee, and that it would have been paying dividends ere this. It seems to me that those on the spot would do well to distribute periodical reports to the press, showing what is going on in connection with this group. This, I am sure, would be entertaining reading to the large number of people in London and Liverpool who are shareholders.

Lots of new companies are on the tapis, but for the moment the public is too engaged with Kaffirs and Kangaroos to bother about British Columbia or Klondike shares.

We have heard so little of late about the Cassiar Central railroad scheme that it was satisfactory to learn from the chairman of the Transvaal Gold Fields company—the important South African group who acquired the concession—that it is not intended to withdraw from the enterprise. According to Mr. Loftus Fitzwygram, it is "hoped that the exploration of last summer will prove useful in the future." It is, I understand, proposed to commence the construction of the railway in the approaching season, and in order to provide funds for this purpose, and a continuance of the exploratory work, the African British Columbia corporation is about to issue preference shares.

It is said that the list of shareholers of the Le Roi numbers 9,000 English and continental capitalists and investors. I saw one of the shareholders the other day, and was anxious to hear what effect the big rise in the shares had upon him. He told me, with a self-satisfied air, that "he had cleared out at a shade under £8." "You see," he added, "I had only held the shares about three months, and I thought a £3 profit was too good to miss; £3 in hand was better than waiting for a dividend of even 20 per cent. And it seemed to me he was a shrewd man.

FROM THE RECORDS.

Certificates of Work.

To George G. Reynolds, J. B. Reynolds and William Colton, on the Runover mineral claim.

To F. R. Blockberger, on the Skylark mineral claim.

To John McEvoy et al, on the Little Joe mineral claim.

To same, on the Copper Glance mineral claim.

To R. T. Daniel, on the St. Charles mineral claim.

To Gus Freebury, on the Mountain Queen mineral claim.

To H. S. Ross, on the St. Charles mineral claim.

To J. W. Paulson, on the Twilight mineral claim.

To Hugh O'Hare et al, on the Last Chance mineral claim.

To H. B. Landis, on the Pennsylvania mineral claim.

To same, on the Devonian mineral claim.

To same, on the Iron Cap mineral claim.

To J. S. C. Fraser, on the Dewey mineral claim.

To Ner Smith, on the Cuban mineral claim.

To Canadian Mutual Mining & Development company, on the Minnie No. 2 mineral claim.

To R. H. Smith, on the Big Four No. 1 mineral claim.

To John Kuku et al, on the Mary L. mineral claim.

To Jens Olsen et al, on the L. Nora mineral claim.

To same, on the Eva mineral claim.

To R. S. Anderson, on the Columbia mineral claim.

To G. E. Miller, on the Alta No. 1 mineral claim.

To A. M. Symons et al, on the Preston mineral claim.

To same, on the Sultana mineral claim.

To same, on the Blair mineral claim.

To F. R. Blockberger et al, on the Theodore mineral claim.

To same, on the Walter mineral claim.

To same, on the Martin mineral claim.

To Joseph Walsh et al, on the Seaforth mineral claim.

Agreement.

Between George K. Norton and A. W. Smith, to hold in trust their interests in the Gladiator, Majestic and Jubilee mineral claims, and incorporate them under the name of the Gladiator Mining company, with a capital of $1,000,000.

Transfers.

J. W. Miller, to the Baltimore Gold Mining & Development company,, the Butterfly, Fly, Spider and Miller mineral claims, on Corral creek, at the foot of Sophie mountain, $1.

G. H. Green, to the Baltimore Gold Mining & Development company, the Bumble Bee mineral claim, on Corral creek, $1.

Ed Taylor, to same, the London No. 2 mineral claim, on Champion creek, $1.

William Funk, to Duncan G. Kennedy, the Lone Pine fractional mineral claim, near Rossland, $1.

John M. Keefer, to Robert B. Skinner, 1-2 interest in the Leonora mineral claim, on Stony creek, $1.

A. W. Smith, to George K. Norton as trustee, the Greene and Grand Union mineral claim, on Sullivan creek, $1.

J. J. Johnston, to Charles E. Hope, the Dewdney and Lora mineral claims, on Deer Park mountain, $1.

Clarence McDowell, to Alexander Green, the Arlington mineral claim, on Cultus creek, $1.

A. Green, to John Creasor, the Yellowstone mineral claim, on Cultus creek, $1.

Same, to same, the Arlington mineral claim, on Cultus creek, $1.

Robert Bond, to Charles Miller, 1-12 interest in the Utopia, Friday, Mazama, Venango, Alleghany, Merrimac, Monitor and Mohawk mineral claims, on the North Fork of Sheep creek, $1,000.

Charles E. Becker, to E. W. Liljegran, 1-4 interest in the Grenville mineral claim, in the Trail creek division, $1,000.

John McIntosh and Michael Gill, to D. C. McCarty, 2-3 interest in the Friday, Mazama, Utopia, Mohawk, Venango, Monitor, Merrimac and Alleghany mineral claims, on the North Fork of Sheep creek, $1.

D. C. McCarty, to Robert Bond, the same, $1.

James Holden, to William Jackson, 1-4 interest in the Oswego and Florence S. mineral claims, on Sophie mountain, $1

Certificates of Improvement.

To David B. Foster, on the James Stanley mineral claim, at Rock creek.

To Joseph J. Henager, 1-2 interest, James Pascola, 1-2 interest, and Fred R. Blockberger, 1-6 interest in the Lincoln fractional mineral claim, at Rossland.

FROM OUTSIDE CAMPS

Prospectors Are Once More at Work With Good Results.

EAST KOOTENAY'S HIGH VALUES

The Boundary Country Booming--Good Reports From All Sections--The Coming Summer Will Witness a Substantial Advance--Many New Properites Working.

With the exception of the Boundary country, where the season is now fairly under way, the mining camps of Southern British Columbia are still feeling the effects of the late spring. The prospectors, however, have become tired of waiting for the snow to go upon the hills, and have turned their attention to the lower ground, which is often passed over and but little attention paid to it. Already some good reports have come in of finds made, and more will follow. The mine owners at Sandon and Nelson have issued a statement that on and after the 1st of June they will pay a scale of $3 per day of eight hours, and will close down if the miners fail to agree to the terms. The men have not yet made public their final decision in the matter. But for the eight hour question the outlook for mining in the southern section of the province is exceedingly promising, and there is every indication of a prosperous summer for all concerned.

Appended will be found items of interest concerning East Kootenay, the Boundary country, the Slocan and the Trout Lake district.

EAST KOOTENAY.

The Big Chief Mining company will shortly be incorporated, and work will be conducted on an extensive scale this summer. The present force of six men will be continued, and its numbers augumented from time to time as the work will warrant. As soon as the road up Boulder creek is completed, the ten-stamp mill will be brought in.

The Ethel claim, in Horse Shoe gulch, about seven miles from Fort Steele, is now attracting attention, on acount of high assays in gold recently obtained. The only work done on the claim is a 12-foot incline tunnel following a rich vein of gray copper, varying from one to five inches in width, and showing up across the entire face of the tunnel. No part of the strea. yields less than $1,000 in gold, and some specimens show free gold all over the quartz. Two assays made from the quartz and gray copper, from samples in which no free gold could be discovered, gave a result of $1,066.57 in one, and $1,280 in the other, besides from 12 to 21 per cent in copper and several ounces in silver. The richer specimens might yield anywhere from $5,000 to $10,000 to the ton. The quartz lead in which the gray copper occurs is from two to three feet wide, and everywhere give gold to the pan.

The new concentrator at the St. Eugene mine will have a capacity of 100 or 150 tons per day. Three hundred thousand feet of lumber will be required in its construction. The working force will be materially increased, and during the summer fully 75 men will be on the payroll.

A strike of wonderfully rich ore was made in the North Star mine on Tuesday last. The ore was found in a drift on the 200-foot level, and is richer and better than any yet encountered in the mine.

G. Mitchell-Innes is working a number of men on the Vulcan, another Toby creek property. Work will shortly be resumed on the Pretty Girl claim.

Mining development is active in the Windermere district. Work is being done on all of the mines which can be reached, and a number of people are waiting to go into the hills as soon as the snow will permit.

Only four men are at work on the Swansea at present, but the force will be increased as soon as possible.

About a mile north of the Swansea is the Julian group, from which some high grade ore is being taken; in fact, the ore now being taken out will be shipped to Swansea, the owners believing they will get better results. The claim has been developed by 150 feet in tunnel and crosscut.

THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

There are several men working on the Snowshoe. A boiler and hoist has been ordered for the property.

W. S. Lenning is calling for tenders for doing 100 feet of work on the Carmi, a West Fork property recently bonded by him.

J. E. Leckie has returned from the Ruby. He reports that the property is in splendid shape. They have a 75-foot shaft down, and are crosscutting the ledge, which extends clear across the shaft. Recent assays show values of 9 1-2 per cent copper and three ounces in silver. There is also a 50-foot and a 30-foot shaft and a 70-foot tunnel on the property.

Work on the Two Brothers shaft in Providence camp is progressing rapidly. They are now down 20 feet on a fine ledge of white quartz well mineralized, and samples are now being assayed for gold. The surface assays on this ledge went as high as $9 and the ledge is over 20 feet wide on the surface. The ore is much improved with depth.

The Copper King group of mineral claims on Fish creek has been bonded by their owner, Cory Menhenick, to Mr. Major, representing a Montreal company, for $35,000. The new company will take hold of the property and thoroughly develop it this season. Average assays from the Copper King have given returns of 30 per cent copper.

On the Gladstone, ore is now being taken out of No. 1 shaft, and placed to one side for shipment, and on the Silver King the miners have been confining their attention to the upraise necessary for the operation of hoisting machinery.

Last week a solid body, 12 feet in width, of chalcopyrite, with which is intermixed considerable grey copper, was opened out at the 70-foot level on the Golden Eagle. The Golden Eagle is situated near the Volcanic, and was bonded from C. Tobiason last fall by Messrs. Fox and Moulton-Barrett of Greenwood, who have been steadily developing it ever since. This is one of the most important strikes ever made in the Boundary Creek country. There is no doubt that the ore is of high value, and the body a large one. The assay values from the strike run over $1,000 per ton in gold and about 10 per cent copper.

R. A Brown brought down some fine specimens of ore from the Oro Denoro last week. The specimens shown by him are from a body of excellent copper sulphide, which has been struck at the 110-foot level. The iron capping of the lead was penetrated at 100 feet and immediately after the change took place, the present fine body of ore came in. The Oro Denoro is situated in Summit camp, which is already famous for its heavy bodies of high grade ore.

Work on the Brandon & Golden Crown is progressing most favorably, the new five-drill compressor having been installed. There are now about 25 men at work on the property, and there are about 2000 tons of pay ore on the dump ready for smelting as soon as it can be transported to the smelter. The shaft has now attained a depth of 156 feet and crosscuts and drifts have been made on the 50-foot level, the 100-foot level and the 156-foot level. Crosscuts and drifts will be run at intervals of 100 feet as depth is attained.

The Remington and R. Bell, in Summit camp, are showing up in great shape. On the former they are stripping an immense ledge, which shows up over 100 feet wide on the surface. The ledge has an iron capping carrying a large amount of copper, and at one place where a 12-foot shaft has been sunk the copper is showing up in fine shape.

THE SLOCAN.

The Manitoba claim, at Silverton, has a six-inch paystreak.

The lead has been struck on the Lamont claim, at Silverton.

The Antoine mine will ship ore this summer.

The wire cable for the Ruth tramway arrived yesterday.

The force at the Trade Dollar was laid off early in the week. Work will be resumed in 30 days.

Very little ore will be shipped from Whitewater for the next three weeks. The Whitewater mine is having considerable trouble with water.

The Star mill was started up on Tuesday and is now working on ore that has been taken out during the winter's development. Every pocket is full and ore is piled up in the tunnels everywhere. The force will be increased as soon as this ore can be got out of the way.

Only the Payne and Last Chance shipped ore from Sandon this week. Payne, 300; Last Chance, 60 tons. The Jackson shipped 17 tons from Whitewater. The Star will be on the list again next week. Shipments will be light throughout the camp for some time now until the roads improve.

The Arlington, at Slocan City, is now free of its tangles, and will be in operation at once.

The Queen Fraction, on the Noonday lead of the Galena Farm, is likely to prove itself a mine.

The Mollie Hughes will ship a carload of ore to the Nelson sampler.

Good ore is being brought into town from claims on Goat mountain.

Some excellent galena ore is shown in town from a strike made recently on the Queen Fraction, a Galena Farm property owned by David Matheson, J. Lind and C. E. Strickland. The strike was made in a small open cut, on what is believed to be the Noonday lead.

W. W. Warner made a big strike on the Argenta claim, of the Madison group, last week. Assays give an aggregate value of $313 to the ton.

The rise in copper should bring White Grouse mountain district to the front. It has been held back by the want of trails and the want of energy on the part of many prospectors. Several representatives of English capital are becoming interested in that locality, and it is quite likely there will be some stir this summer. John A. Gibson has closed a deal with Hugh Sutherland giving him a working bond upon 14 claims in the Copper King and Storm King groups. Toronto capital will work and $50,000 will be spent in development before the bond expires. These properties are all liable to become great producers.

LARDEAU AND TROUT LAKE.

Otto Olsen is working on the I and U, near Eight-Mile, driving a 50-foot tunnel.

A great deal of work will be done on the John L group as soon as the snow leaves the ground.

Johnny Hickman of the Silver Queen, says the work is progressing very favorably, and expects to be through with the contract in about two weeks' time.

On the Raven, a property adjoining the Brow, one of the Poole group, and located on the same lead as the Nettie L., a 100-foot tunnel has been driven to crosscut the lead at a depth. Messrs. Treanor, Gordon and Snell are the owners of the property and intend to continue the crosscut until the lead is encountered.

As soon as the contract is completed on the Silver Queen, Messrs. Cowan & Hickman intend to do considerable work on the Canadian, a property adjoining the Black Eagle. They also intend to do work on the Lucky Four group on Boulder creek.

Work will be commenced shortly on the St. Elmo. Captain Johnson will assist Hugh McPherson and Neil Swinton in the work.

A 20-ton shipment will be made from the Nettie L. as soon as navigation opens up. Sixteen men are employed on this property.

The Beatrice has a showing of 30 inches of solid ore in the lower tunnel. The average value of the ore shipped will be about $125 per ton in silver and lead.

PROMISING PROPERTIES.

G. M. King and Jay Benn Tell About the Okanogan Free Gold Mines.

G. M. King, director, and Jay Benn, foreman of the Okanogan Free Gold Mines have arrived in the city from these properties. The latter has been working on the properties for the past six months, and the former has spent the past two weeks in looking over them. Both bear out the statements of the late Paul E. Langhamer, M. E., and of A. S. Edgecombe, M. E., as to the value of the properties. The material for the 10-stamp mill is all on the ground except two loads. The site for the mill has been graded. The sawmill has the timber and other material for the mill structure sawn, and inside of a month the quartz mill should be in working order, and 60 days thereafter a cleanup should be made, as there is about 1,000 tons of ore on the dump ready for reduction. There are two tunnels on the property. No. 1 tunnel is in 166 feet, and of this distance is in ore for 56 feet. That is to say the ore body has been crosscut for a distance of 56 feet. This body of ore it is claime by the management, will go about $40 to the ton. In this same tunnel there is another ore body that is met at a point 26 feet from its portal. This ore body has been drifted on for a distance of 60 feet. It is 11 1-2 feet in width. The ore on this vein was sampled by Mr. King clear across a distance of 11 feet and six inches, and found to run $836 to the ton. This is at a point 70 feet beneath the surface. Tunnel No. 2 is in a distance of 320 feet, and it has crosscut three small blind leads in going this distance. It is expected that the main lead will be struck in 60 feet further. This will be at a depth of 180 feet from the surface. "If the ore body is found at this depth to be as wide and as rich as it is on the 70-foot level," said M. Benn, "it will prove the property to be one of the richest and best in the Northwest. Superintendent Edgecombe is of the same opinion as I am as to the worth of this property."

THE STOCK MARKET

A Gradual Increase in Business Is Noticeable.

THF FLURRY OF THE WEEK

It Was in Rambler-Cariboos and Cause by the Reported Good Condition of the Mine—Dardanelles Selling Well—Sales on the Local Board.

The stock business is getting on its feet again. The week which ended last evening was considerable of an improvement over the previous week, and if the same ratio of increase is kept up for a little while, there will soon be a lively market again. The principal feature of the past week was the flurry in Rambler-Cariboos, and it is estimated that about 90,000 shares changed hands locally. Besides this there were a number of sales of this stock in Montreal and Toronto. The price started at 28 cents and ran up as high as 40 cents. There were sales yesterday on the local exchange at from 37 1-2 to 38 1-2 cents. There were sales in Montreal yesterday for 40 cents. These shares have an upward tendency. The management claims that there is an excellent showing of ore in the property. After August, continuous dividends, the management claims, will be paid of one cents per share each month.

Dardanelles has been a favorite with investors, and the number of shares that changed hands was large. They rose from 10 to 14 1-2 cents. The property of the Dardanelles company is located close to the Rambler-Cariboo, and doubtless went up in sympathy with the shares of the latter.

Considerable preference was shown for Deer Parks, and the number of these shares sold during the week was large. There has been no appreciable increase in the price during the week, and the sales were from 5 to 6 cents, and they were firm at the latter figure last evening. There are more buyers than there are sellers.

Okanogan Free Gold shares sold well. The company has sold out all its treasury, and there should be an advance in the price. There was a sale of 1,000 shares on the exchange yesterday at 12 1-2 cents.

There were quite a number of Mountain Lion shares handled here during the week. They rose from $1.40 to $1.45, and then fell off. Yesterday on the local board they was $1.37 1-2 bid, and $1.40 asked for them.

Iron Horse is selling some. A 12-foot vein of low grade ore has been found on the 300-foot level. Drifting is in progress, and a pay chute may be met at any time. Yesterday on the local board 13 cents was bid and 15 cents asked for them.

There is not much dealing in Virginia. Another assessment of five cents a share has been levied and is payable on or before the 10th day of July. Yesterday on the local board 19 cents was bid and 26 cents asked for them. The assessment just levied is causing the stock to slump.

There has been a few sales of Rathmullen at from 5 1-2 to 6 cents, and the White Bear is active, and the sales have been at from 5 to 5 1-2 cents.

There has been an increased demand from the east and from London for Fairmont. Several good sized blocks have been sent away. These shares are now firm at 15 cents. At the 100-foot level on the Evening Star, one of the properties of the Fairmont company, there has been met 4 1-2 feet of ore, averaging $22 per ton.

Monarchs are selling at 10 cents.

The Humming Bird (B. C.) Gold Mines has disposed of 150,000 shares of its treasury in Spokane, and has also sold quite a number in this city.

Tamaracs have sold well during the week, both on the exchange and outside of it. They sold at from 15 to 15 1-2 cents.

There was an advance of a point in Evening Star yesterday, and 9,450 shares were sold on the exchange at from 10 3-4 to 11 3-4 cents. The ore in the upraise is said by the management to be of a shipping grade, and this is the cause of the enlarged demand and the increase in the price of Evening Star shares.

Appended are the official quotations for yesterday of the Rossland Mining and Stock Exchange:

	ASKED	BID
Athabasca	42½	41
Brandon & Golden Crown	30	28
Big Three	23½	22
B. C Gold Fields	6	5¼
Baltimore	7½	
Canada western (C. McKinney)	15	
Cariboo (Camp McKinney)	$1 40	$1 35
Canadian Gold Fields	7	5½
Crows Nest Pass Coal	$43 00	$37 00
Dardanelles	15	14½
Dundee	24	21½
Deer Park	6	5
Evening Star	12½	11½
Fairview	11	9½
Fairmont	10	
Giant	4½	3¼
Homestake	4	3½
Iron Mask	67½	63
Iron Colt	13	11
Iron Horse	15	13
Jumbo	30	25
Jim Blaine	40	36
Knob Hill	95	90
Lone Pine	43	42
London Consolidated	36	35
Mountain Lion	$1 40	$1 37½
Montreal Gold Fields	23	20
Monte Christo	12	11½
Monarch	15	
Minnehaha	25½	24
Morrison	17½	16½
Novelty	4	3½
Nelson-Poorman	17	15
Noble Five	28	26½
Northern Belle	4	3¼
Okanogan	15	
Old Ironsides	$1 11	1 07
Princess Maud	7	6
Rathmullen	6¼	5¾
Rambler-Cariboo	40	36½
Republic	$1 31	$1 27½
Red Mountain View	2	1½
St Elmo Consolidated	6	5½
Smuggler	4	3¼
Tamarac (Kenneth) pooled	15½	15
Van Anda	7	6¼
Virginia	25	19
Victory-Triumph	8½	7½
Wonderful	8½	7½
War Eagle Consolidated	$3 79	$3 75
White Bear	5¼	5
Waterloo	10	9
Winnipeg	31	30

Sales.

Insurgent, 1,000 at 10c.; Monte Christo, 2,000 at 11 1-2c.; Evening Star, 450 at 10 3-4c., 1,000 at 11 1-4c., 2,000 at 11 1-4c., 6,000 at 11 3-4c.; Homestake, 2,000 at 3 1-2c., 1,000 at 3 3-4c.; Okanogan, 1,000 at 12 1-2c.; Rambler-Cariboo, 2,000 at 37 1-2c., 5,000 at 38 1-2c.; Tamarac, 1,000 at 15 1-2c.; Deer Park, 500 at 5 1-2c.

Made Seven Locations.

The prospecting syndicte, recently organized bb J. L. Parker & Co., is meeting with considerable success. One lot of prospectors has been working in the vicinity of Granite creek, where it has made six locations on a ledge that is six feet in width and can be traced on the surface for a distance of 8,000 feet. Another party of prospectors has located the Benn claim on the North Fork of the Kettle river, in the neighborhood of Beaver Flats. The ore of this claim is rich, the lead upon it is fairly wide, and it is thought to be a promising property. It is located near the Butte, which is owned by Mr. Roberts of this city.

BUFFALO HUMP COUNTRY.

H. R. Dunlop Tells of His Recent Experiences There.

H. R. Dunlop of the firm of Whitney & Dunlop, has returned from a three months' stay in the Buffalo Hump country, Idaho. In speaking of his experience there yesterday, he said: "Buffalo Hump is about 7,000 feet above sea level, and there is considerable more snow there than there is here. There is about 12 feet of snow on the level there, while in the canyons there is considerable more. I lived in a tent at Buffalo Hump during the past three months and though it was cold at times I suffered no great inconvenience. In the tent with me was Joseph N. Hermsen, who for a couple of years ran a butcher shop on Columbia avenue, near the city offices. One day the news was brought in that there was a man frozen, exhausted and dying on the trail a few miles from camp. A party was organized and a toboggan secured. When the rescue party found the distressed stranger, who do you think it was? Why, it was Harry Lipman, formerly of this city. He was completely exhausted, and he wanted the members of the rescue party to knock him in the head and leave him where he was. He was wrapped in blankets and hauled to the camp and the next day he was around the saloon telling stories and just as chipper as he ever was.

"There will be considerable of a rush into that country just as soon as they can get in there. There are 1,000 men at Grangeville and as many more at Lewiston waiting to swarm into that country as soon as he snow goes off so that they can make their way in. I had to walk 60 miles over the snow in order to get out. Buffalo Hump is about 125 miles from the railroad.

"I think that there is certain to be a large camp. There are some large ledges of low grade ore there. They are the ledges after all that make the permanent mining camps. The ore carries gold and is of the free milling and concentrating variety. Clark & Sweeney, who own the Big Buffalo property, after innumerable difficulties, have commenced the work of developing it. They had to make a road in over the snow for a distance of 15 miles. They now have a shaft sunk to a depth of 60 feet. I acquired interests there in a number of claims and will return some time this summer.

"There is certain to be a great rush from Idaho and Montana into this country, and doubtless some valuable discoveries will be made before the snow comes on this fall. A number of capitalists and experts visited the camp while I was there, and they promised to returns a soon as the ground was bare again."

The Ethel Group Transferred.

The final meeting of the Ethel Gold Mining company was held yesterday in the company's offices, when the resolution to dispose of the assets of the company to the Pavo Gold Mining company was passed. The Ethel was originally incorporated for $1,500,000 in $1 shares, non-assessable. These have now been turned into the new company on a basis of five cents a share, and these shares will be assessable up to their par value, 10 cents. Work will be commenced at once and continued right along on all the prospects in the Ethel group, which is situated on Murphy creek.

IMPROVEMETNS IN IRON MASK.

In 30 Days It Will Be Shipping About 350 Tons a Week.

S. W. Hall, superintendent of the Iron Mask, arrived back from Spokane yesterday. He had been in attendance at the annual meeting of the company and in consequence of his representation he was authorized to increase the size of the ore bin of the mine forthwith to three times its present capacity, which will make it hold 200 tons and will enable the company to ship at least 50 tons a day. He also received instructions to put on five new machines and put on about 40 new men. The east shaft is to be sunk another 100 feet, making it practically 300 feet deep, and all the different levels are to be opened up. The whole of the property is to be thoroughly developed. The cost of the new machinery to be put in will be about $4,000. There is plenty of ore in sight in all parts of the mine, and the company has decided to work vigorously in getting it out.

C. & W. PASSENGER DEPOT.

It Will Be Completed by July 1st—Will Soon Be Broadened.

F. P. Gutelius, superintendent of the Columbia & Western railway, was in the city yesterday. He brought with him the plans for the passenger depot, which is to be erected on Second avenue by the Columbia & Wstern railway. Half a dozen contractors were put to work figuring on the depot, and the contract will be let immediately. The depot will be 33 feet in width and 64 feet in length, and one and a half stories high. It will be of handsome appearance. It will contain a ladies' waiting room, a general waiting room, a general office and a baggage and express room. It is though it will be completed by the 1st of July. The contract for the freight depot, which the company purposes erecting, will not be let at present, but it will not be a great while before it will be.

Superintendent Gutelius reports that the widening of the narrow gauge into a broad gauge is making fair progress. The rainy weather has interfered considerably with the work. It was found that the employes could not accomplish much when it was raining, and so work is now suspended when there is a downpour. This makes the progress slow, for there has been considerable rain of late. "Give us 10 days of clear, dry weather," said Mr. Gutelius, "and the road will be standardized from Rossland to Trail. The roadbed is now widened to a point about one and a half miles of this city."

The Police Court.

John Sharp was the first culprit called before Magistrate Jordan in the police court yesterday, but he failed to respond to a charge of being drunk and disorderly, and his $20 bail was forfeited. Andrew Naime, Finlander, who said he was crazy when he committed malicious injury to property, was fined $15 for his breach of the law and also was mulcted $9 for the damage he had done. He paid and lost an ax besides. Frank Henderson, who was charged with vagrancy, was allowed to go on a suspended sentence, and it is understood that he left town. Some females contributed $120 to the city treasury as well.