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### MINING NOTES.

The Josie has a magnificent face of ore in its lowest drift. The ore samples \$75 to the ton and the whole face of the drift is in ore. The Josie company has ceased shipping ore by wagon to Northport and has made a contract with the Trail smelter for part of its output. The Josie is only shipping ore taken out in development work. It has a large area of stoping ground which is untouched as yet. It is said that the mine is being put in shape to sell for a large figure. Nothing sells a mine better than proof of success in the shape of dividends, particularly when the purchasers wish to float a public company.

Development work has been begun on the White Bear.

A force of men are at work on the Southern Cross laying in a supply of wood, building shops and putting the mine in shape to work all winter.

A compressor plant has been ordered for the Red Mountain and will be installed as soon as it arrives.

Last Wednesday the first drill was turned on the Monte Cristo and the mine is now in full blast with about the best equipped machinery in the camp.

It is reported that F. A. Heinze is buying lead ores in the Slocan with a view of treating them at Trail. Transportation from the Slocan to Trail would not be an easy matter during the winter.

A magnificent exhibit of ore from the Nest Egg was on view in Rossland this week. This ore, which is reported to be of shipping grade, and certainly looks like it, is taken from the breast of a drift on the fifty-foot level where there is a face of four feet of solid ore. The Nest Egg has been a sadly abused property. It was abused by jumpers, by the press and by the stock brokers. But with a crown grant and four feet of shipping ore at 50 feet of depth, it is in a better position to-day than many of its more popular and favored neighbors.

J. D. Sword has returned from a trip into the Illecillewaet camp. He reports that the company owning the Lanark are about to put in a cable tramway and open up that splendid property.

THE REVIEW had a fine sample of Deer Park ore assayed out of curiosity. It gave a return of \$97.60 in gold and 61.5 ounces in silver to the ton. This is wonderful ore and it is taken from one of Trail Creek's lowest grade prospects on the surface.

The machinery being installed on the Homestake will soon be in working order.

Tiger Creek gulch has a most active appearance now. The Crown Point company's compressor plant is in place and the thick timber that fringes the gulch has been pretty well thinned out and piled up as cordwood to provide fuel for it.

The April Fool and some other claims on the south belt have been purchased by Mr. Henry Croft, representing Victoria parties.

A live frog was found in the rock on the Eric below the 60-foot level. G. Pfunder says it must have been a mascot to the mine as the shaft is now all in ore.

The control of the Colonna has passed into the hands of the Montreal syndicate, which has purchased the townsite; that is to say, they have acquired an option on 800,000 shares of the stock and have paid down a substantial consideration. By the way, things will be lively in Montreal this winter if Jim Wardner has got his oar in there.

The north vein of the Le Roi has been discovered on the surface of the West Le Roi and Josie, about 90 feet west of the old workings. It shows about nine feet wide, strongly mineralized and carrying plentiful indications of copper.

The Commander's compressor plant has arrived and is being installed.

Some ore taken from the raise in the Mugwump assayed high enough in gold with its copper valuation to make it of shipping grade.

The boilers for the new hoists on the Nickel Plate have arrived.

A neat and artistic map of the Wild Horse Creek mining camp has been published by W. F. Newell, C. E., of Barrett, Newell & McDonald.

The Esmeralda, adjoining the Eden and Cracker Jack, has been sold to Mr. Foster, of Toronto.

Mr. Montgomery, of Toronto, purchased the Hattie, a 1,300x1,500 foot claim in the south belt, for a good figure the other day and afterwards refused an offer of \$6,000 over the purchase price.

Mr. J. F. McRae has returned to Montreal where he will handle Iron-Clay's assay stock.

A piece of land 50x40 feet on Commissioner street, Johannesburg, recently changed hands at the price of \$100,000. Seven or eight years ago Johannesburg was a smaller town than Rossland is to-day. To-day Rossland has a greater future before it than Johannesburg had then. There are possibilities in Rossland's real estate.

Marc Gilliam, the pioneer of the Salmon River country is in Rossland and is highly elated over the present showing and prospects of the future development of Salmon river.

Since the article on the Silver Bell, in this week's REVIEW, went to press, work has been started on the property and a good body of galena and carbonates was discovered under the quartz capping; it is reported to be about three feet wide and should, judging from assays obtained before, run high.

A strike of ore is reported on the Good Hope.

Preliminary work on the Waneta and Trail Creek Company's claims gives encouraging results. Superintendent Peterson brought in some good looking rock yesterday.

Harold Kingsmill, representing J. Geale Dickson, has let contracts for the survey of the Mountain Chief, Nelson group and Black Pearl.

A man at work on a well on the Red Mountain mine fell back in the hole after lighting his fuse yesterday and before he could get out the shot went off. His arm was broken in two places and he received other injuries.

### THE NORTH FORK OF THE SALMON.

What is known as Craig's camp, lies about six miles up the North Fork of Salmon River, from Salmon Siding on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway. On a number of claims located there development work has shown up good value. On the Victoria, owned by R. W. Craig, assays of \$22 in gold, 15 ounces in silver and 5 per cent copper were obtained at a depth of eight feet. From a shaft 12 feet deep on the Daisy the rock ran \$8 in gold, 40 ounces in silver and 8 per cent copper. The Mersey owned by Marc Gilliam and others, gave 126 ounces of silver at a depth of ten feet. The Arnold is more extensively developed than its neighbors and ore was taken from the bottom of a 30 foot shaft, assaying \$22 in gold, 40 ounces in silver and 10 per cent copper. The Porto Rico is a claim from which some very astonishing results in free gold were obtained from surface rock.

The country behind Craig's camp rises to the summit of the divide between the Salmon and Kootenay rivers. Nearly the whole district has been staked up to the summit on both sides, and many of the claims show up well on the surface. From the Salmon up the divide, gold, sometimes in quartz and sometimes under iron cap, predominates over silver. Near the summit, however, the ore becomes very rich in copper, while over the divide, toward the Kootenay, it runs into silver and copper.