

CONCENTRATES.

rossland. Over \$7,000 in licenses have been collected since June 1st. So far this month over \$5,000 has been turned into the city treasury by Inspector Barr, says the Record.

According to the Spokesman-Review arrangements are being made this week for the construction of the Le Roi wharf at Northport, and the contracts for brick, timber and lumber are let. The company are to get a cheap freight on ore over the Corbin road and members of the company have a third interest in the townsite, the boom for which is just about ready to be launched.

A shipment of about twenty tons of ore from the Athabasca mine was delivered from the tramway at the smelter at Dawson. This, with the two previous shipments made this month and another which will come down next week, will make eight tons for the month of July—very remarkable showing, when it is borne in mind that all this ore is the result of development work started under the direction of the British-Canadian Gold Fields Company early in June, nothing having yet been taken from the dump formed during the progress of the exploration work of last year. The smelter values of all the ore so far shipped have run over \$75 per ton, and the ore not only shows every appearance of increased value, but the vein now being worked is rapidly increasing in width. Within the last few days still another rich vein has been discovered and stripped for fifty feet. The mine is now in shape to continue steady shipping and its capacity is being increased all the time. The ore is one that can be very economically worked, and owing to the proximity of the workings to the smelter's tramway the cost of transportation is very light.

STRONG LODGE OF GALENA.

British Columbia continues to prove its right to the claim of being the richest mining camp in the world. The largest discovery yet made of galena ore is reported from the Upper Arrow lake district. Alexander McMaster, of Rossland, has just returned from Lexington Creek, a small stream running into Fish Creek, which flows into the northeast corner of the Upper Arrow lake not far from Arrowhead, and brought with him several large samples of galena ore from the Katsup claim. Mr. McMaster states that a solid body of galena seven feet thick has been opened and that the hanging wall had not been reached when he was away. The foot wall is slate and schist on the hanging side. The vein appears to be 15 feet wide, with 7

UP THE COAST.

On Phillips Arm a large force of men is at work on the Dorothy Morton under the superintendence of Mr. Davy, who recently purchased this claim for a London syndicate, paying \$20,000. A number of men are also at work on the Empress, an adjoining claim, which was recently bonded at \$10,000 to Montreal parties. On the divide between Phillips Arm and Loughborough Inlet a good strike has just been made by four prospectors, who located four claims on a strong lead which they recently discovered. It is said that the lowest assay they have had from their rock is \$106. A good deal of work is being done on other properties about Shoal Bay. The outlook for the camp is exceedingly bright.

A NEWSPAPER AT CLONDYKE.

Mr. J. W. Scott, formerly connected with the provincial government printing office at Winnipeg, called at the office of the MINING CRITIC before sailing for Dawson City, where he intends to start a weekly publication to be known as the Yukon Nugget. Mr. Jack Carr is associated with Mr. Scott in the enterprise, and their combined efforts will insure for the people settling in the Yukon county a bright, wide-awake up-to-date newspaper. It will be issued in pamphlet form on thin but tough paper.

BIG BEND CAMP.

A number of new locations have been recorded recently and the indications are very promising. On Keystone and Lake View mountains the surface showing is very rich and the ledges strong and numerous, carrying arsenical iron and galena, with gold and copper values. The formation is schist and siliceous lime, with dykes of black shale. Development work is progressing on Ole Bull, Old Reliable, Cariboo, El Dorado and Black Diamond.

IRON MASK CLAIM AT KAMLOOPS.

A discovery made on this property in the south drift gives promise of a rich yield of high grade ore. The vein is four feet wide, solid ore and high grade. As this is the first work done south of the crosscut in the vein, it is very satisfactory, as it proves the continuation of the rich ore chute.

SHIPMENTS VIA REVELSTOKE.

The following were the ore shipments through Revelstoke for July:

Mine.	Pounds.	Value.
Payco.....	29,000	\$11,447
Slocan Star.....	700,000	28,520

CARIBOO.

The French syndicate seems disappointed with the quartz showing, and are dropping the bonds on most of the properties they had terms on. Many here do not think their development work has been done to good advantage.

The parties who purchased the Ahearn mine, near Bonaparte, state that they have discovered a large body of tin ore in the property.

We are in receipt of a publication from the librarian of the legislative assembly and secretary of the bureau of statistics, Victoria, pertaining to the department of agriculture and compiled under the supervision and authority of the Provincial Board of Horticulture, devoted to insect pests and plant diseases and how to remedy the evil. The suggestions are valuable and of much interest to farmers and fruit growers of this province. We recommend to the agriculturists of this province the adoption of the course of treatment set forth therein.

Much has been said about the coal lands that will be opened by the construction of the Crow's Nest Railway. It is averred that neither the C. P. R. nor the Dominion Government will get an acre of known coal lands through the construction of this road, as the whole of such lands were corralled by a syndicate some years ago. Provincial Minister Baker knows something of this matter.

The Canadian government will establish weekly mail service in Yukon between Tagish and Clondyke. Dominion customs officers will be stationed at Dyea to advise prospectors that duties will be levied. Other offices will be stationed at Tagish, where the proper duties will be collected. These officers left for the north on the steamship Islander.

The British Columbia Review, published in London, says: "Notwithstanding the prejudice which exists among English investors regarding silver, it is probable that if a good galena property were again offered to the public with a moderate and reasonable capital, the enterprise would not fail for want of support."

Lowery of the Ledge saith: "British Columbia papers will be ahead if they make L. C. Dillman, of Spokane, Wash., put up in advance for his advertising. He is a deadbeat, one of the penny-ante kind, that should be run out of any community."

It is reported from San Francisco that every available steamer and schooner is being pressed into service for the Yukon.