

THE MINES OF THE PROVINCE

CAR OF ORE NETS \$2170.

The shareholders of the Wonderful mine will be pleased to hear that W. W. Warner, who has a lease of this mine (paying 10 per cent royalty on the ore taken out), has just shipped a car of high grade ore, netting \$2170, with another car in sight. This speaks well for the mine with so little work done.—Kaslo Kootenai, July 10.

MOLLIE GIBSON CHANGES HANDS.

W. J. Butler has purchased the Mollie Gibson claim on Pool creek from F. R. Blockberger. Mr. Butler was fortunate in securing this claim and franchise between it and the other claims owned by himself and partners, as they now hold a group of nine claims, reaching from Pool creek to the Lucky Jack, one of the most promising claims of the camp.—Camborne Miner, July 5.

BIG STRIKE ON THE TRUENE.

Word was brought down last night by one of the men from the Truene that an immense strike has been made on the property. A couple of days ago they broke into the lead and up till yesterday they had penetrated into the lead 10 feet and were still in ore. Of course all of this is not solid ore, but over half of it is and the grade of this ore is higher than anything yet shipped from the mine.—Trout Lake Topic, July 7.

BOUNDARY ORE SHIPMENTS.

Snowshoe, Phoenix 1100
Sunset, Deadwood 950
B. C. Mine, Summit 180
Emma, Summit 90
Total tons 2320

ORE SHIPMENTS.

The shipments of ore through Kaslo for the past week were as follows:

	Tons.
Ruth to Nelson	844
Whitewater to Nelson	674
Rambler to Frisco	67
Rambler to Everett	44
Slocan Boy to Nelson	44
Sunset to Nelson	21
Total	329

SLOCAN ORE SHIPMENTS.

	Week
Payne	20
Arlington	60
Hewett	20
Bosun	20
Enterprise	60
Monitor (for June)	80
Slocan Star	21
Ruth	80
Total tons	361

THE AMERICAN BOY.

A force of seventeen men are working double shift on the American Boy. The ore is being stopped between tunnels No. 2 and No. 3. The vein on which the work is being done has a pay streak of from 18 inches to five feet. The ore sets on an average about \$300 to the car. From 20 to 22 tons constitute a carload of ore. It is estimated that from 10,000 to 20,000 tons of this ore is blocked out, or sufficient ore to net the company about \$80,000. The hard ore gives from 65 to 130 ounces in silver and yields from 10 to 70 per cent lead. The soft ore runs from 40 to 75 ounces in silver and about 65 per cent lead and greater values are expected with depth. No attempt will be made to seek a deeper level until the ore in sight is disposed of. Considerable difficulty is encountered in handling the water, but by the time the upper levels are worked out the mine will be thoroughly drained.—Kaslo Kootenai, July 10.

THE OLD HOMESTEAD.

Messrs. Downing, Beaton, Strat and the McKay brothers have finished their work on the Idaho group and the Old Homestead. On the latter claim the ledge on which the free gold strike was made last week has been stripped for quite a distance and several open cuts have been made, showing the lead to be about five feet between walls, with 18 inches of solid quartz on the hanging wall.

This same party and B. Ramey left yesterday with a pack train of supplies for the Jim Hill and Chief Joseph groups on Lewis and Clark creek, where they intend doing a lot of work this season. On the Jim Hill group quite an amount of surface work has been done, exposing a fine edge of galena twelve feet in width, assays from which give returns of over \$100 in silver, lead and copper values.—Camborne Miner, July 5.

ANOTHER BIG STRIKE.

Lots of Grey Copper and Black Sulphurets in Sight.

Yesterday E. M. Morgan brought down the news of a strike on the Ruffed Grouse mountain, near Trout Lake, which exceeds in value anything yet encountered on that hill. The new discovery is on a lead crossing the formation and cutting the supposed strike of the Ruffed Grouse vein at about right angles. The bag of samples Ed brought down for assay contains some very fine specimens, in which grey copper is the predominating feature, besides quantities of black sulphurets. The lucky owners of the new strike, Messrs. Morgan and Ward, have uncovered the lead at intervals for 50 feet over a distance of 700 feet, and at every point where exposed the same grade of ore was discovered, ranging in width from a couple of inches up to ten inches. Several tests will be made, but the value of the ore is so clearly apparent that no surprise will be expressed if the tests run up into the hundreds of dollars. Andy Ward remained at the property and will keep on exploiting the new find.—Trout Lake Topic, July 7.

CARIBOO MINERALS.

Can there be found in Cariboo mineral in places that will pay working? Gold Commissioner Bowron emphatically says yes, and forty years experience, most of it as gold commissioner, concurring with experts and studying the question makes his opinion valuable. C. G. S. Baker is a mining man who has been investigating the mineral prospects of Cariboo for several years. He, too, evidently is satisfied that the ores of Cariboo are worth prospecting. He has made an offer to bond the Black Jack mineral claim and is understood to have bonded the Lowhee mineral claim and others. Edward Perkins, Stanley, a pioneer miner has for years made nearly his whole living producing gold out of Burns mountain quartz. He has done considerable work in sinking and tunneling on Burns mountain and is convinced from the quartz that Cariboo has mineral in places that will pay.—Ashcroft Journal, July 12.

TRACY CREEK MINING CAMP.

Will Be the Scene of Increased Mining Activity This Year.

Tracy creek mining camp is situated in the main range of the Rocky mountains, and is most directly connected with the town of Fort Steele; and is destined to be one of the most flourishing mining camps in this district. At present it is very promising and prosperous, growing in importance as its mines are developed, and the rich ores stored in its mines extracted. Tracy is one of the new camps which has sprung into activity as a direct result of the continuous development of the Estrella mine, which is located within a short distance of Tracy. During the current year concentrating works will be established, also a large power and compressor plant; and shipments of a high grade concentrate will be made. And in accordance with the natural destiny of the great mineral field tributary to Fort Steele, will be awakened into increased life and activity by the construction of the Kootenay Central railway; whose future greatness it is to share.—Fort Steele Prospector, July 12.

MINES AROUND FORT STEELE.

(Fort Steele Prospector, July 12.)

TIGER-POORMAN GROUP.

John P. Larsen arrived in Steele Saturday last. Mr. Larsen is the principal owner in the Tiger-Poorman group of mines, which are situated on the divide between Sheep and Wild Horse creeks. During a conversation with Mr. Larsen said: "I shall commence work on the Tiger-Poorman just as soon as the necessary supplies can be got in, and continue work until the snow comes; then work will commence on the Poorman group and continue all winter. The Tiger-Poorman group will become a shipper about November. At present we have about 200 tons of ore on the dump, and we shall commence ridding as soon as the snow comes and continue through the winter."

BADGER AND RED MOUNTAIN.

John Sherwood, with a small force, is at Perry creek, and will push work on the Badger and Red Mountain claims.

NIP AND TUCK PLACER MINE.

This property is situated on Wild Horse creek about four miles from Fort Steele. Everything is working like a charm on this property; plenty of water and moving lots of gravel.

TIT FOR TAT.

This group of mines is situated on the east side of Wild Horse creek, about six miles from Fort Steele. Mr. Dave Newell, who returned to Steele on Wednesday, reports that the trail has been completed to the mines and that a pack train with supplies will be sent to the mine during the week, and then the regular yearly assessment work for the claims will be commenced.

SILVIA GROUP.

A. Grez, with a small force, left Steele on Thursday for the Silvia group of mines, situated on Wolf creek. It will take about two months to perform the annual assessment work.

ESTELLA.

J. Nelson has just returned from the Estella mine. He reports that development is being pushed and that the ledge recently discovered in the Estella tunnel is gradually widening out, with a good showing of ore.

KOOTENAY KING GROUP.

These claims are situated on Victoria gulch, a tributary of Wild Horse creek. The main ledge is a large body of galena. Considerable development work has been done, and Mr. Myers with a small force left Steele on Wednesday. Work on the property will continue until snow comes.

The staff of the Ymir mine has been reduced pending the report of Mr. Hooper, the engineer sent out from England to examine the mine. When J. Roderick Robertson, the late manager, died, he had a number of schemes on the taps, but his sudden death left these incomplete. The holdings of the company are now being thoroughly examined and proving all that was expected of them. A full complement of men will be put to work at the Ymir mine at once and the stamp mill worked to its full capacity.—Ymir Mirror.

LATE NEWS FROM THE SMELTER CITY

(Special to the Miner.)

TRAIL, B. C., July 14.—The assay office of the Canadian Smelting Works was completely gutted by fire at an early hour this morning. The origin is unknown, and the alarm was first given from the works, as a result of the reflection of the flames. This was also noticed down town, and the alarm, together with the rapid fire of pistol shots was sounded. The men in the works and the office staff at the bank house promptly responded, but the assay office is removed some distance from the works, and a mass of flames confronted the firemen. A volunteer brigade from Trail was quickly on hand also, and had the fire been discovered earlier little or no loss would have been incurred. As it was, the fire was quickly extinguished.

The origin is unknown, as there is no known to have been any fire in the building. The watchman made his rounds as usual, and the registry watch shows that he was at the assay office about a half hour before. The building was a frame structure and was located as far from the works as possible. It will probably be rebuilt of brick. There is an assay office at the refinery, so that much inconvenience will be averted.

FORESTERS WILL PICNIC.

The Foresters of Rossland have indicated an intention to participate in the picnic to be held at China creek on Thursday under the auspices of Court Trail, 3350. This is one of the prettiest spots along the river and affords excellent fishing. A large dance platform is on the grounds and in good condition. A special train has been arranged for and the C. P. R. has made an excursion rate of \$1 for the round trip from Rossland and 75 cents from Trail, with half fare for children. There will be music for the day.

WORKMEN INSTALL OFFICERS.

The newly elected officers of the local lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen have been installed by District Deputy Grand Master Frank Ivey. After the ceremony the members of the order entertained their friends with music, games and dancing. The new officers are: J. E. McCarthy, P. M.; H. M. Flint, master; James Cunningham, foreman; James Burdette, overseer; Martin Lyons, recorder; J. R. Choquette, financier; A. E. Steele, receiver; Ed. Johnson, guide; J. Craig, L. W. Buckley, O. W.

MRS. MORIN ENTERTAINS.

In honor of Miss Rigney and Miss Kananvan, who left Saturday for their home near Tacoma, Mrs. F. George Morin gave a delightful afternoon tea to the friends of the young ladies. Those present were Miss Truett, Miss Degagne, Miss Berg, Miss Flint, Miss

Emma Degagne and Miss Brooks of De Pere, Wisconsin.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

In the English church last evening the Rev. Mr. Irvine preached a memorial sermon for the late Joseph A. Ferguson, who was buried Saturday afternoon. Mr. Ferguson died Friday evening. He was a painter by trade, 35 years of age and a native of Canterbury, N. B. He had been a resident of the Kootenay country for the past three years and was a member of the Orangemen's lodge at Nelson.

BOUGHT A BUSINESS CORNER.

The corner occupied by the grocery firm of Coleman, Strachan & Co. has changed hands. F. George Morin having acquired the property from C. H. Brown of Alameda, Cal. The corner is one of the best in Trail, and Mr. Morin has already commenced substantial improvements.

TRAIL NEWS NOTES.

Miss Kirk of Rossland is visiting friends in Trail. J. Lukko, formerly a merchant of this city and now of Greenwood, was calling on old friends in Trail last Friday. Rev. J. F. Vechev, a noted Baptist minister of Victoria, preached to a large congregation in Trail yesterday. Mr. Vichet is pastor of Calvary church at Victoria.

The medals won by the Trail team in the west test on Dominion Day are expected to arrive in a day or two. J. Sibbald, Trail's jeweler, is having them made. They are sterling, and neatly engraved with the name of the member.

All bills in connection with Trail's Dominion Day celebration have been paid. There is a surplus of \$2.05, which has been turned over to the city treasurer's trust.

The court of revision for Trail's assessments will meet August 3. J. H. Schofield has accompanied his father, Judge Schofield of Rossland, to Halcyon.

Mrs. Kate O'Brien has made application for the transfer of her license for the Arlington hotel to J. W. Sweeney.

John McLin has returned from Spokane, where he has been on mining business.

M. A. Wescott, of the Central Dry Goods company, attended the Baptist convention at Nelson last week.

Miss Elizabeth Warren is visiting Mrs. Jules LaBarthe.

Mrs. C. J. Leggett will go to Midway in a few days to spend the summer.

Mrs. J. D. Anderson leaves Thursday for Spokane.

A son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. William Northaves.

William Berg, who has been connected with the Montreal & Boston Copper company's smelter, has returned to Trail.

PLAYED HAVOC WITH WIRES

Rossland was practically isolated from the outside world yesterday so far as telegraphic and telephonic connections were concerned. The wire systems suffered severely from the windstorm of the previous evening, and most of the day was devoted by the respective companies' linemen in repairing breaks at various points.

The gale was general over a large area. At 9:30 or thereabouts the Canadian Pacific lost their Spokane wire, and it was impossible for the balance of the night to get messages through to the south even via Vancouver, which is the alternative line in the event of trouble on the direct connection. The Spokane Falls & Northern people had various trouble on their system, and could not handle business to Spokane after the hurricane had passed over. Telephone lines also suffered. The service of the West Kootenay Power & Light Company was interfered with slightly by the antics of lightning on the wires, this being evidenced by the fluttering of the incandescent lighting system for ten or fifteen minutes while the electric storm was at its height. The damage to the W. K. P. & L. Co. system was only trifling, however, and

when the storm had gone over the lights operated as usual.

Yesterday the linemen connected with the various telegraph and telephone companies started out to locate the trouble centers and make repairs. The Canadian Pacific had a wire to Nelson and Slocan points and later in the day other connections were made. Along the lakes the wires were down at several points and the distances to be covered by the repair crews made their task arduous. The Spokane Falls & Northern people had no wire south of the mouth of the day and the railroad being operated on time cards only. Towards night matters were only a little better.

Locally the storm did not do any special damage. The gale aroused fear in many quarters, however, one business man residing on Le Roi avenue being so alarmed by the rocking of his residence while the hurricane was raging that he moved his entire family to his place of business and spent the night there. Some shingles were blown off Columbia avenue structures, but the damage as a whole was trifling. The gale was the nearest approach to a cyclone that has been witnessed in Rossland for over a year at least.

SAW TORONTO'S BIG STRIKE

J. B. Johnson is one of the few Rosslanders who chanced to be in Toronto while the street car system's employees were on strike, and his reminiscences of the most stirring week the Queen City of Ontario has witnessed many years ago of lawlessness in the west.

"We hear of lawlessness in the west," says Mr. Johnson, "but I doubt if there was ever such violence in Western Canada at least as I witnessed in Toronto. The street cars were actually riddled with the volleys of stones and projectiles of every description hurled at them whenever an attempt was made to operate cars. I went down one morning to see a car taken out of the barns, and the reception it received was decidedly warm. The assistant manager of the street car company was stoned while riding in a cab and his conveyance was badly wrecked. Eaton's department store came in for a share of the parade in honor of the settlement of the strike took place a rock was hurled through one of the firm's big plate glass windows as the procession passed. A baker's wagon drove up to the car barns with bread for the non-union men

and it was wrecked before the contents could be delivered. There were numerous similar examples of violence by strike sympathizers, of which the foregoing are examples."

Mr. Johnson was in Toronto when the militia took possession of the city, after having been called out in aid of the civil power. The men were in camp at Niagara and were therefore able to take the field promptly and in splendid shape. "They were an exceptionally fine body of men and well mounted," is Mr. Johnson's tribute to Canada's civilian soldiers. "The troops were brought over from Niagara—cavalry and artillery being the principal arms of the service called upon—and marched through the city to the garrison commons, where they went under canvas. Only once were they called down town, and on this occasion their services were not required. The general opinion was that the presence of the troops contributed substantially to an early settlement of the trouble. The local militia, of which there are close upon 2000 stationed in Toronto, were not employed, the authorities preferring to bring out the men who were already upon service and better prepared for an emergency."

ROSSLAND WINS FROM NORTHPORT

A vision in flaming red tearing across the plate, followed by a mighty yell from the Northport rooters, and then a hush and a gathering of the clan from Uncle Samuel's domain out in the centre of the diamond; a waving of arms and an excited argument with Umpire Burken; a watch in the hand of the "king of the diamond" with a five-minute limit set, resulted in Northport taking the field and ended one of the most exciting innings in the game played yesterday between the locals and Northport. All this and more happened in the sixth inning, when the score stood nothing to nothing, with everything in favor of the "King of the Diamond." He was feeling mighty fine and his eagle eye was in splendid working condition; his decision on balls and strikes could not have been better, and his base decisions, although close, were properly rendered.

It was in the sixth that Stroth anchored on first on an ice-wagon drive to the infield that was so slow that it could not be fielded in time to throw the runner out at first. Stroth liked the looks of "Young" Holland's throwing arm, and while the youngest member of the team was taking in one of Costello's choicest, purloined second in a way that made Holland's hair rise on the top of his thinking cap. Rustler, who claims to have cut hundreds of bases when the umpire wasn't looking, came to bat and sent a beauty to the center fence. Rustler could have made two bases on the drive without half trying, and possibly three, but in order to stretch the drive into a home run he practiced his old trick of cutting the base. He sliced off 20 feet from the vicinity of the initial corner and pursued his weary way around the diamond, while Burken was yelling to him that he was out for cutting the bag. Rustler came home while the Rosslanders vacated the field. It was then that the Northport aggregation gathered around Burken and wanted him to allow at least the one run. Burken, however, had called Rustler out, and as Rustler was out before reaching the first cushion the run naturally failed to count, as there were two out at that time. Rustler afterwards admitted that he had no reason in the world for cutting the bag and that the decision of Burken was correct, but he claimed that the umpire had his back turned to him at the time and did not see him cut the bag, and that he was, therefore, entitled to as many bases as he could purloin. The decision of Burken stood and the run failed to count in the score. The loss of the run seemed to take all the life out of the visiting "Uncle Samuels," and from then on they were easy for the locals.

The game was the best contest seen on the local diamond this year, and those that journeyed out to the Black Bear grounds were well repaid for their trouble. Manager Parsons, of the Northports, kept his word when he said he would bring a greatly improved team here to play the locals. At least four new faces appeared in the lineup of the visitors when they arrived on the field. A couple of the new men were from the Spokane High School and a couple more were from the Pullman College. Phillips, who caught for the visitors, is the best backstop, outside of the University of California catcher, that has been seen here this season. He had all the local men hugging the bags during the latter part of the game. His throwing to bases was perfect, as four of the Rosslanders found to their sorrow, while his work behind the bat stamped him as a corner. He was injured during the middle part of the contest, but gamely stuck to his work. Newman, at third, and Perrott, the twirler, played great ball. Stroth's work at short was all that could be desired. He is as quick

on his feet as his rival on the locals, "Young" Holland. Parsons was the weakest player on the visitors' side, but will probably improve as soon as he gets a little practice.

The Rossland boys showed up to good advantage, despite the fact that "Weary Willie" had his arm bandaged. Leighton's knee all tied up, Ralph McDonald out of the game and Leo McDonald occupying a position in center. Leo McDonald hit the ball yesterday for two safe ones, but lost his head on the bases. When he recovered—well, why dwell on the sad event, Costello's work in the box was all that one desires to see. He was ably backed up by Holland, who caught a very good game for a player as young as he is. Gibson played a good first, but is casting longing eyes in the direction of third. Worth had only two chances yesterday, both being easy ones. Wilcox is walking around on thin air today as a result of a successful collision with one of Perrott's straight ones. The ball located a big enough hole in the atmosphere out near the left field fence to crawl through, and Wilcox took an easy seat on second base. It is "Shake hands with the right fielder" today with local fans, and nothing is too good for Wilcox.

The locals scored their runs in the seventh and eighth innings, none of them being earned. In the seventh Worth hit a nice one out in right for one sack. An error by Phillips which gave Costello a life, an out, and Nudd's third safe hit sent Worth and Costello home with the first of the locals' runs. Leo McDonald and Vaughan were sent across the pan in the eighth on hits, errors and a couple of outs. The ninth was uneventful, although Phillips led off with a safe hit for Northport. The man who ran in his place did, however, at third on a hit to Costello.

The score of the game is appended below:

ROSSLAND.									
	AB	R	BH	P	O	A	E		
Holland, c.	5	0	1	10	3	0			
Vaughan, 2b.	5	1	1	5	1	0			
Gibson, lb.	3	0	1	5	2	1			
Worth, ss.	4	1	2	2	0	0			
Costello, p.	4	1	1	1	3	0			
Leighton, if.	4	0	0	0	0	0			
Nudd, 3b.	4	0	3	2	1	2			
Wilcox, rf.	4	0	1	0	0	0			
L. McDonald, cf.	4	1	2	0	0	0			
Totals	37	4	12	25	10	3			

NORTHPORT.									
	AB	R	BH	P	O	A	E		
Warmish, if.	5	0	0	2	0	0			
Travis, lb.	3	0	1	4	0	0			
Stroth, ss.	4	0	1	4	3	1			
Rustler, cf.	3	0	1	1	0	1			
Phillips, c.	4	0	1	6	4	1			
Hendy, 2b.	4	0	2	4	1	2			
Newman, 3b.	3	0	0	0	0	1			
Parsons, rf.	3	0	0	0	0	0			
Perrott, p.	3	0	0	0	0	0			
Totals	32	0	7	27	12	7			

*Rustler out in sixth for cutting first base.

*Warmish out in eighth for interfering with batted ball.

SCORE BY INNINGS.

	R	H	E
Rossland	0	0	0
Northport	0	0	0

SUMMARY.

Earned runs—Rossland, 6. Two-base hits—Wilcox, Rustler. Base on called balls—Gibson, Rustler. Struck out—By Costello, 9. By Perrott, 4. Hit by pitched ball—Travis. Wild pitch—Perrott. Stolen bases—Holland, Nudd, Stroth (2), Newman. Double plays—Newman, unassisted. Time of game—One hour and ten minutes. Umpire—Burken. Official scorer—J. F. Statter.

ties in the camp, and from assays recently obtained he can back his opinion against all comers. He has a big body of ore, too.

The Tamarac mine will resume operations in the course of a week or so. The property has been idle for a long time, although thoroughly equipped and of undoubted richness.

J. T. Price and Dan Morrison are still working on the Iona. The tunnel is now in some 50 feet, and it is the intention to stay with the work until the lead is crosscut—about 15 feet more. The 50-foot tunnel was driven in 30 days—which is a big record.

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