

property will be unearthed, and, with the close proximity of coal, exceptional shipping facilities, and a large demand for the finished product, it should be of material value in the development of this province.

Notes from the Camps.

ROSSLAND is to have a new opera house at the corner of Spokane Street and Le Roi Avenue. The cost of the building will be about \$10,000.

The Red Mountain Railway, it is expected, will enter Rossland this month.

S. S. Bailey is reported to have sold his interest in the Payne group, Slocan district, for \$80,000 cash. Mr. Bailey paid \$2,000 for the Payne in 1891.

The Idaho, in the Slocan, has paid another dividend of \$18,000, making \$50,000 in all.

Hugh Sutherland, of Hudson's Bay Railway fame, is now operating in the Slocan district. He will find his present employment more profitable than handling railway charters.

Coal Hill, near Kamloops, is at present attracting much attention and numerous rich discoveries are being made. The ore is similar in character to that of the Trail Creek district.

Boundary Creek is immensely rich in mineral. Experts who have visited the district say that with transportation facilities there would not be a better camp in the province. Yet Mr. Heinze could not raise the money to build a railway through this rich country. There must be something rotten in the State of Denmark.

There is complaint that the warehouse accommodation at Penticton is insufficient and that goods have been injured by being allowed to lie exposed on the wharf. The C.P.R. should see to this without delay.

Many of the miners who have been working this summer in Cariboo intend wintering there. They want to be on the spot when next season's work begins. The year 1897 will be a busy one in Cariboo.

The pipe for the Cariboo Gold Fields Company, which has been lying at Ashcroft for some time, is being moved up country as fast as it can be freighted.

The general offices of the Columbia & Western Railway at Trail, recently erected, are now occupied by the chief officials and clerks of the road. Rossland is no longer the headquarters of the company.

During 1896 the North Star mine near Fort Steele, East Kootenay, shipped 5,000 tons of ore. All the district wants is better transportation.

By the 25th of this month it is expected that the town of Trail will have an electric lighting plant in full operation. The smelting company have the matter in hand.

A lot in Rossland bought for \$260 less than a year ago was sold the other day for \$5,250. Yet there is no real estate boom in that town.

It was Kamloops the other day and now it is Nanaimo with a mining excitement. Some rich discoveries have recently been made in the vicinity of the latter and the country immediately west of the town is found to be highly mineralized.

The Nelson smelter, with its new machinery installed, has commenced work again.

English syndicates are now beginning to operate largely in the Trail Creek district. Mr. J. Geale Dickson, of London, having organized one with £300,000 capital, has sent instructions to his agent, Mr. Harold Kingsmill, at Rossland, to begin work at once.

The foundation of the first brick hotel in Rossland has been laid. It will be an annex to the Allan Hotel, 31x100, three storeys high.

It is estimated that over \$150,000 worth of new buildings are in course of erection in Rossland.

The value of the ore shipped from Kootenay during the present year is \$2,280,132.

The Columbia & Kootenay Steam Navigation Company are building a new passenger and freight steamer which, it is expected, will be finished in March. It will be the largest of the fleet.

The second wash-up of the Cariboo hydraulic mine amounted to about \$36,000. This makes a total of \$120,000 for the season, and it is expected that there will be a third wash-up before winter sets in.

Development work on Texada Island is being pushed vigorously and a road from the mines to sea water is being constructed so that ore shipments may be made.

Rossland is again agitating for incorporation, and there is not likely to be any slip this time in accomplishing the object.

Messrs. Govan and North are reported to have allowed their bond on the Prospector group to lapse. If those gentlemen intend pushing business they should only bond such properties as they intend developing. To allow bonds to lapse, unless for very good reasons, looks bad.

Reports about the Pilot Bay Smelter continue, but so far they are mere surmises as nothing is publicly known about the intentions of the proprietors of the works.

Kaslo is determined to have an electric light plant installed at once. The people of the town seem to be in earnest about it, and generally when the people are in earnest they have their way.

The annual meeting of the Centre Star Mining & Smelting Company took place at Butte City, Montana, on October 13th. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: P. A. Largey, president; Geoffrey Lavell, vice-president; W. G. Benham, secretary; T. H. Hodgins, treasurer; Oliver Durant, general manager. Directors, P. A. Largey, Geoffrey Lavell, Sir Charles Ross, Bart., A. H. Tarbet and Oliver Durant.

There is reason to believe that although Mr. Heinze, when over in England, failed in securing the capital to extend the Columbia & Western Railway the money will be forthcoming before long.

Professor Selwyn, the late head of the Dominion Geological Survey, calculates that the beds of coal near the Crow's Nest Pass cover at least 140 square miles.

The C.P.R., it is said, intend placing a steamer on the Columbia to run above Revelstoke.

The Kaslo waterworks are now under construction and will be pushed to completion, the proceeds