

Current Mining News.

Contributions from any part of British Columbia and the mining districts of a reliable nature will be published in these columns, and we request that mining men write us about the progress of the mines of their district. We desire to publish all mining news.

THE ENTERPRISE.

This mine in Ten Mile Creek, near New Denver, has resumed operations with a staff of thirty men and the mine will this month become an active shipper with very large quantities of ore in addition to that got out.

THE IDAHO.

This Slocan mine has paid another dividend of \$30,000, making \$240,000 to date. Returns have yet to be made and received in respect of very large quantities of ore in transit to and now in course of treatment at the smelter.

THE PORCUPINE.

A half share in this Ymir mine has just been bought by Messrs Lloyd & Thompson. It lies between the noted Silver King and the Waneta. The former owners, who needed working capital, retain a half share in the property, which will now, it is stated, be vigorously developed.

THE NATIVE SILVER BELL.

This Slocan mine has not, as reported, closed down from fear of snow slide accidents. A full force was still working at time of latest reports, though it is possible that the mine may close down for a short time until the snow freezes, should snow-slide possibilities seriously threaten the workers.

THE C.P.R. AND ROSSLAND.

Sir William Van Horne states, as President of the C.P.R., that his company's negotiations with a view to purchase the Heinze railroad interests in and about the Trail Creek country have failed, the price asked in respect of the transfer being by his company regarded as excessive. The C.P.R. will itself now build to Rossland without delay, for Sir William Van Horne says:

"It is absolutely necessary that we should reach Rossland with a line of our own, and we are under a pledge to Rossland to do so. We would have preferred to purchase the Trail Creek road, which could have been adapted to our purpose by a considerable expenditure, but we could not come to terms and we are now obliged to go on with our own work."

AT WHITEWATER.

Here the Northern Belle advertises for tenders for hauling 100 tons of ore, and the Charleston and the Stranger will shortly begin rawhiding. The Whitewater mine is, however "the mine" of the camp at present, with a monthly pay roll of \$12,000, and 115 men at work. It is stated that the mine shipped, in October forty-five carloads of ore, and although full returns are not yet to hand for November, there will probably have been sixty other carloads shipped from the Whitewater during the month.

A REDUCTION IN PRICE.

The Toronto Globe is making a strong and deserving bid for circulation. Finding that the reduction in the price of paper and the introduction of typesetting machinery have made it possible to publish the paper at a less cost, the price has been reduced from \$6 per annum to \$4 per annum for the early morning edition, and the second edition has been discontinued.

This should give their circulation list a great increase, as it brings within the reach of every person a daily that is generally recognized as the leading paper in Canada. As there is to be no reduction in the size of the paper, and every department, including the Sunday illustrated edition, kept up to its present high standard, and considering the enormous expense to which goes in order to give all the news every day, \$6 was not too much for it.

At \$4 per annum its subscription list should soon reach the 50,000 mark.

IN THE SLOCAN.

Here rawhiding has begun, and with it new mines will begin shipping and old ones largely increase their shipments, as usual with the Slocan during the winter season. The Reco will be among the large shippers, whilst the Ruth will increase its output. The Ajax, the Canadian group, the American Boy, the Sovereign and others tributary to Sandon will also, it is expected, make good shipments. It is hoped that the Wonderful will also ship largely under new management. The Star and the Payne will of course be big shippers.

The Slocan mines that ship from Three Forks, the McGuigan, Whitewater and others, will also give good account of themselves. In fact, despite the fall in silver, mining is more active than ever in the Slocan, with more men at work by fifty per cent. than ever heretofore in the short history of the district. Fortunately, the better silver mines of the Slocan have the advantage over a host of those in the States in possessing big deposits of high grade ore good enough to pay substantially, despite the depreciation of silver.