

Mining Throughout British Columbia

Receipts at Trail—Recent Bonds—Mining Notes.

The following is a list of the ore received at the Trail Smelter during the week ending June 7th, 1919:

Mine	Location	Gross Tons
Centre Star.....	Rossland	422
Galena Farm.....	Silverton	40
Horn Silver.....	Similkameen	54
Josie.....	Rossland	275
Molly Gibson.....	Kitto Landing	19
Mandy.....	Le Pas	194
North Star.....	Kimberley	246
St. Eugene.....	Moyie	47
Sullivan (zinc).....	Kimberley	2115
Sullivan (lead).....	Kimberley	249

Total 3661

Word comes from Stewart that Mr. O. B. Bush, of Stewart, has taken a bond on the Moose property, in the Alice Arm District, for \$150,000 from Don Cameron. It is understood that work will start about July 15. The Moose group comprises six claims, adjoining the Climax, up the hill. The vein is of pyritized quartz lying in the belt locally termed the "silver belt." It has been opened up in several places by open cutting. The cuts expose some very high-grade ore which can be shipped when the railroad is completed.

The Crown property at Trout Lake, Lardeau District, has been bonded to a California syndicate that proposes to erect a mill. A considerable amount of development has been done and a quantity of silver-lead ore exposed.

The Granby Company's coke ovens at Anyox are now in operation. They were designed during the war with the view to saving benzol and toluol, among other products, for munition purposes. The lighter oils and ammonia will be saved at the plant and the tar will be shipped to Vancouver for the recovery of re-distillation products.

Mr. R. F. Tolmie, deputy minister of mines, has been granted an extended sick leave, and, by an order in council, Mr. W. Fleet Robertson has been appointed acting deputy minister during Mr. Tolmie's absence.

The shipments of ores and concentrates received at the Trail smelter for the week ended May 31, totalled 6785 tons, the Sullivan mine contributing 4,477 tons.

A despatch from Boston, under date of June 9th, quotes the president of one of the largest copper producing companies as saying:

"The prediction of 20 cents per pound for copper before September 1 is, to my mind, a safe one, and right here let me say that the estimates which I have seen in print as to the size of the copper surplus are greatly exaggerated. I seriously question if by July 1, there is a surplus of copper in this country—including stock in process—exceeding one billion pounds.

"This, to be sure, is a big pile, but is not of alarming proportions and a few months like May, with sales aggregating 100,000,000 pounds in excess of output, would very quickly put the producing industry back on its feet.

"The labor situation at the mines has its threatening aspects, but, of course, it is perfectly obvious that, should any further curtailment of output result from labor strikes, the price of the metal would quickly advance and put the mining companies on 'easy street' so far as surplus stocks are concerned.

"It is not generally appreciated that there is an actual scarcity of labor at the present time in the copper producing industry, notwithstanding a 50 per cent. basis of operation. Should the demand for copper continue, the next big problem will be to find a sufficient supply of labor to work in the mines, smelters and refineries.

"Exports of copper are still disappointingly small, but this is due in a large measure to the fact that England,

France and Italy must work off their own surplus stocks—and this they are doing very rapidly—before buying from America. And furthermore, a considerable amount of the raw copper formerly exported is now going abroad in the shape of finished material. The foreign demand for wire bars, for instance, seems to be particularly pressing.

"We are not yet entirely out of the woods, but the whole situation is vastly better than it was three months ago.

"Copper ought to be selling at not less than 20 cents to-day, based upon the extraordinary increase in the cost of production. It is perfectly evident that, contrasted with other basic commodities, copper is selling far too low."

Grand Forks "Gazette" says: Grand Forks had a short visit last week from shareholders of the Virginia Mining Co., controlling the Virginia mine near Danville. A. A. Monett, Wilber Hopkins, W. A. Hammer and Judge Chester Miller, all of Dayton, Wash. After an inspection of the Virginia they expressed their intention of resuming operations in the near future. The property has been closed down for about a year.

Unless a settlement of the strike in the Crow's Nest Pass is made within a few days, which is not likely, the Granby Smelter will be forced to cease operations through lack of coke, which comes from the Fernie coke ovens. The mines at Phoenix, however, will continue operating, it is stated, so that a good supply of ore may be ready for shipping when the smelter resumes. Statements that the smelter is going down for good is only fiction.

Some Stewart notes of Salmon River are as follows: Salmon River Valley is the scene of much mining activity, with several properties in operation. At the famous Premier an assay office is being built and two bunkhouses are also under construction to accommodate the increasing force of miners. One is being put up at the upper tunnel and one at the lower. The portable sawmill at the mine has started work.

The road gang is doing good work getting the road in shape for heavy hauling. Pack trains are going up the valley every other day with supplies for the various camps. On the property of the Bush Mines Limited, bunk-houses are being put up and preliminary mining commenced. At the Payroll, bonded by Pat Murphy and McIntominy to Sam J. Silverman, a small force is working in charge of Glenn Thompson, M. E.

A force of eight men was set to work at the Big Missouri. William Noble is getting the camp organized. R. M. Martin, one of the owners of the Mineral Hill, reported that work is being prosecuted in the No. 1 cross-cut off the main tunnel.

Work on the property of the Bush Mines, Limited, is in full swing, according to Grant Mayhood. The vein is being cross-cut by open cutting and they are in high-grade ore similar to that which is being mined at the Premier. The intention is to expose the vein on the surface by a series of open cuts. The first round of shots blew out ore with native silver scattered through it.

William Hamilton and Charles Larson have commenced work on the Spider group, which was recently taken under option by R. W. Martin, who turned the option to R. W. Wood, of the Premier mine. This property has an excellent showing and some high assays from it have been obtained.

An important mining deal has been completed in the Hazelton district by the bonding of the Coronado properties on Hudson Bay Mountain. The purchasers were A. J. Fowlie and M. T. Watt, representing a syndicate which will commence active development immediately. One of the terms of the deal was that a concentrator of not less than twenty-five tons capacity must be on the ground by June 1. The property is reported to have an excellent site for