

The Pure Gold Mining Co., Limited.

Capital Stock :
1,000,000.

1,000,000 Shares, Par Value \$1.00
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The property of the company consists of three adjoining full claims, known as "Pure Gold Group," and named the "Pure Gold," "Trilby" and "Escort" mineral claims, all prior locations, with perfect titles, vested in the company. There is a well-defined ledge 40 feet wide, traceable through the claims for a distance of 2,000 feet. Six men are now at work on the Trilby and good assays have been obtained. Twelve feet from the mouth of the tunnel an assay of over \$20 was obtained. Work will be carried on without cessation, and good results are confidently anticipated.

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A NORTHWESTERN VIEW.

A correspondent of a Calgary paper is responsible for the following:

"The visitor to Rossland comes away with mixed feelings. In the first place, there is no question about the fact that she has got the boomiest kind of a boom on her hands. The situation in two sentences is this: The working mines of Rossland, with their present payroll, would support a town of perhaps a thousand people. She has already seven thousand and will have double that before the summer is over.

"More than half the people in Rossland have no legitimate justification for being there, except perhaps that they can't get out. Hundreds of men are either looking for jobs or begging. They have nowhere to sleep but on the floors and chairs of saloons. In every line of business, except hotels, there are four men where there ought to be only one. Hotels will pay for a year or two, but many of them will be worthless when the tide turns. Bankrupt stocks of merchandise are already on the market. More money is being spent over bars and in houses of ill-fame (which contain nearly 400 inmates) than would build a town. You can't walk down the principal street at dusk without being asked for a quarter to buy a meal. There are more mining brokers in Rossland than would fill the largest jail in Canada. How they live is an unknown problem."

The mixed feelings of this gentleman are not of so much importance if his ideas were not also badly mixed. There are about 1,400 men working underground in and around the Rossland camp. This means a legitimate population of 6,000 people. There are in the town between 7,000 and 8,000 people. This number is not excessive when the area of tributary country is considered and the amount of prospecting and surface work to be done as soon as summer begins. Business is not overdone to the extent indicated by the correspondent. March and April are always dull months in a mining country where there is as much snow to melt as in West Kootenay. There is no boom in Rossland, but the undercurrent of business is strong, and there is no one here either desirous of leaving or in the least degree nervous about the future of the town.

GOLDEN SIBERIA.

Nearly all Siberia is more or less a gold-bearing country. In Western Siberia the production in recent years has somewhat decreased, owing to the movement of prospectors and miners eastward to the richer regions of the Trans-Baikal and the Amour country. The center of greatest activity at present is on the upper tributaries of the Amour—the Onon, the Amgoun and the Bielaya—but more or less work has been done down the great river as far as Khabarovsk and the Oussouri, while the rich grounds in the upper valleys of the Lena have been opened up to some extent.

The limitations of Russian production are found in

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the crude methods employed and the scarcity of labor. At present only the richer placers are worked, and those only in a desultory and imperfect fashion. It is the opinion of many experts that almost as much has been left behind as has been taken out. A further limitation is found in the rigorous climate, which restricts work to a few months in each year. In the Trans-Baikal the alluvial ground is perpetually frozen, the summer heats thawing it out only a few feet below the surface; beyond that depth the ground must be mined like rock.

The rapid extension of the Siberian railroad which is now in progress and the settlement which follows the railroad will permit the introduction of machinery and furnish more and better labor; while the extension of Russian influence over northern Manchuria, in which all the southern affluents of the Amour rise, will largely extend the area open to working. Production cannot increase rapidly, however, until better methods of mining and treatment are introduced. American mining engineers and their appliances could doubtless effect a very great change in a few years; but the way is not yet fully open for them, though several are already there or are under engagement to go there.—*Engineering and Mining Journal.*

THE CROW'S NEST PASS RAILWAY.

Mr. Laurier is to be congratulated on the stand he has taken in this matter. The Tupper government proposed to build the road for the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and then present it to them. The Laurier government proposes to grant the Canadian Pacific Railway Company a subsidy of less than half that arranged for by their predecessors and exact in return the surrender of certain privileges now enjoyed by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and the strict control of freight rates as well. It is to be hoped that Mr. Laurier will stand firm. West Kootenay is being rapidly covered with lines of railway and

sadly needs a trunk line. But we want that trunk line to be built for the advantage of the country, and not the riches of the country exploited for the advantage of a railway company. The Crow's Nest Pass road will eventually be built, even if no subsidy at all is given. Lots of capital can be secured on so good a guarantee of a paying investment. In fact, no subsidy would be required to secure its immediate construction if railway promoters were not in the habit of expecting to make dollar for dollar on the cost of construction as profit for themselves. This is the great argument for government construction, ownership and control of railroads. But this being impossible, the Laurier government is in a position to demand good terms on the bargain, and has only to stand firm to obtain them.

CANADIAN MINES IN ENGLAND.

Toronto World: "Mr. W. Hanson Boorne, of Vancouver, who has just returned from London, England, where he has spent the last three months in the interest of Canadian mines and mining, has been interviewed by the *World* as to the outlook for Canadian mining industries in the British markets. He said that the stock market of England is at present very sensitive, and on account of the Transvaal troubles and consequent present loss to shareholders and investors, they are looking skeptically upon mining ventures generally. He says, however, that many of the leading brokers and investors are taking a deep interest in British Columbia and Ontario, and familiarizing themselves as far as possible with the transactions made and the work carried on.

"There is, Mr. Boorne adds, a movement on foot to establish an association to handle Canadian mining stocks and shares, which promise to be very helpful in the direction of establishing public confidence, and gives promise of being controlled by an exceedingly strong board. The organization is not as yet sufficiently far advanced to enable one to give names and figures."