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### NEWS OF THE MINES.

(Special to Exchange News.)

Rosslund, B.C., July 22.

Robt. Jaffray and Senator Cox, of Toronto have been inspecting the Rosslund mines and trail smelter for past three days. They leave for Sandon Monday to visit Payne mine and will then go into Boundary country.

T. C. Blackstock, Mrs. Blackstock, and Mrs. Gooderham, are at the War Eagle hotel. Thos. Long, of Toronto, President of the Northern Bell Company, is here arranging to resume work on the Northern Bell. The Le Roi compressor machinery was repaired and the mine started working again on Tuesday last, shipping on the remaining four days 1,248 tons. Monday last was miners' Union Day and no shipments were made. For the week the output was, 3,554 tons all told. The following are details for week ending July 22, and year to date:

	Tons for week.	Tons for year.
Le Roi.....	1,248	45,206
War Eagle.....	1,473	23,623
Iron Mask.....	130	1,515
Evening Star.....	21	179
Deer Park.....	.....	18
Centre Star.....	632	3,187
Total.....	3,554	73,730

Vancouver, July 24.

Mining is active. From Ainsworth it is reported that an English Syndicate is negotiating for the purchase of all the interests of Mr. Frank Heap, in the camp. This would include the Tariff and the Pontiac groups.

There is also a deal pending for the sale of the highland property which has been idle for several years. It is said that the owners have been offered \$100,000 cash or \$130,000 on a bond with a first payment of \$15,000. The owners are supposed to be holding out for \$150,000.

The Coast mines are attracting much attention. Good reports from the Dorothea Morton, the Blue Bells, and the Douglas Pine are the cause, not to mention the Van Anda. At the Douglas Pine development work is proceeding rapidly. It is reported that 10,000 shares have just been taken up by Eastern parties, at \$1 a share. The ore which has just been sent to the Van Anda's smelter is expected to go \$60 to the ton.

Fugitive items give the impression that Marcus Daly is desirous of taking up properties in British Columbia. J. L. Toole, of Anaconda, Mont., is one of Mr. Daly's experts, and has been examining properties situated on the main fork of Kettle River. It is said that over 5000 men are working

in and about the mines and smelters in Kootenay and Yale districts, at wages ranging from \$2.50 to \$3.00 for laborers and \$3 to \$3.50 for miners. Blacksmiths, assayers, foremen, and superintendents draw from \$4 to \$20 a day. This means that half a million a month is now being paid out for wages.

R. A. Brown, representing the Smelting Corporation, of Manchester, has sent to England another shipment of ore carrying a high percentage of zinc. It comes from the Slocan and there are five carloads of it. The ore goes to England in ballast round the horn.

H. W. Foster, a member of the Imperial House of Commons, is at present on a visit of inspection to his various enterprises in the Slocan district.

Mines all over British Columbia are getting in new machinery. Amongst others the Silver King has just received a new boiler from the James Cooper Mfg. Co., of Montreal. It weighs six and a half tons and Nelson papers say it is the largest boiler ever taken up to the mines.

F. H. Mendenhall, of the Seneca Machine Co., has just sold a 10-driller and impressor to the St. Eugene mine in East Kootenay. With the plant there are two 80-horse power boilers.

The Montreal Boundary Creek Mining Co., Limited, which owns the sunest, Crown Silver C. O. D. and Florence Fraction adjoining the well known Mother Lode Boundary creek has closed a contract with Mr. Sword, of the James Cooper Mfg. Co., for a 20 drill air compressor plant for the operation of these properties. A company has been recently organized to take over these properties, the officers of which are as follows: President, A. W. Ogilvie; vice-president, W. Barclay Stevens; directors, W. L. Hogg, Hon. Richard Turner, H. Young, James G. Ross, T. W. Horn; W. Jakes, secretary.

It is reported that the Badshot Group in the Lardeau, has been sold for \$80,000.

The Kootenay King Claim owned by Wm. Ross has been sold to C. H. Wolf and associates for \$10,000 cash in three months. The Kootenay King claims to be the first quartz location ever made in east Kootenay. It is about eight miles from Fort Steele, in Victoria Gulch a tributary of Wild Horse creek. The adjoining property known as the Barnes claim has been sold to the same parties for \$5,000.

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