

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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The temporary check to shipment of ore from Kootenay mines that a few weeks ago interfered with progress, has now been overcome and, generally, transportation facilities having been restored, production has been resumed. The uncertainty that was felt in regard to the outcome of demands for higher wages made on behalf of men employed at the smelting works at Trail and the Consolidated Co.'s mines at Rossland, has also passed away, the negotiations having resulted in an amicable settlement of the question, the company having to some extent met the requirements of its employees. There has also been a little difficulty concerning wages in the Crowsnest coal mining district, but there was only a short cessation of work there, for arrangement has been made for representatives of both operators and the United Mine Workers of America to meet and discuss the questions at issue with a view to arriving at some decision that will be mutually acceptable. The decrease in prices of some of the metals is having some influence in the direction of lessening activity among those who have been seeking to acquire lead or zinc properties that have been unworked of late years, but on the whole there is no serious interruption to the progress of development work and ore production in the interior mining districts.

EAST KOOTENAY.

During twelve weeks of last quarter, up to the time, late in June, flooded streams caused damage to railways and mine surface equipment, the output of the Sullivan mine averaged 1,666 tons of ore a week, that quantity having been received at the smelting works at Trail. For three weeks following high water in rivers and creeks only 287 tons a week reached Trail from the mine. Now, however, conditions seem to again be normal, for the quantity received during the third week in July was 1,479 tons.

Another carload shipment from the Giant mine, in the northern part of the district, has reached Trail. Preparations were being made early in July to resume work on the Paradise mine, in Windermere division, after a long period of inactivity.

WEST KOOTENAY.

Ainsworth.—During the week ended July 21 ore was received at Trail from six mines in this division. This was the first time this year that there had been that many on the weekly list of shippers. All were small producers, for the total from the six was only 324 tons, still it is satisfactory to find the smaller shippers again on the list. Those that had not sent out ore for several months were the Cork-Provence, Retallack & Co. and Utica. The other three were the Comfort, Florence Co. and Highland. The Utica is stated to have more ore opened now for shipping than for some time past. The work of erecting a concentrating mill for the Florence Co.'s Hope mine is being put in hand.

Slocan.—June shipments of the Rambler-Cariboo Mines, Ltd., are reported to have been 30 tons of crude lead ore, 160 tons of lead concentrate and 60 tons of zinc concentrate. The gross profit from the lead product is stated to have been approximately \$17,000, and the net earnings about \$11,000. Most of the zinc outfit for May and June was still on hand in July, diffi-

culty having been experienced in marketing it, owing to low grade and excess iron content. Arrangements are being made to re-treat zinc concentrate at the custom mill at Kaslo, and it is expected that they will thereby be rendered more marketable.

Northwest Mining Truth said recently, in reply to an inquiry concerning the Galena Farm Mining Co.: The property of this company is situated near Silverton. It is controlled by the estate of Patrick Clark, under the management of his oldest son, P. W. Clark. About one-fourth interest is held by New York friends of the late Mr. Clark. A concentrating mill of 100 tons daily capacity was completed a few months ago, and it is running successfully. Twenty years ago the property was acquired by Charles Callahan, a well-known English engineer who came from Australia, but when the price of silver declined so precipitately in 1893 work was discontinued. Until the late Mr. Clark reopened it nothing had been done on the property for many years. Some high grade zinc orebodies of magnitude, containing good values in silver, have been exposed and there is said to be enough ore in sight to keep the plant running at capacity for several years.

The Lucky Thought mine, on Four-mile creek, near Silverton, which is under option of purchase to the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co., is looking sufficiently well for it to be thought probable that company will eventually complete purchase. Owing to the wagon road to Silverton having been damaged by floods in June, it was not practicable to ship ore in July, but repairs having been effected hauling will be done in July, with something like 200 tons awaiting shipment. Ore receipts at the smelting works at Trail from this mine during the first half of the year totaled 260 tons.

The Ottawa, in Slocan City division, owned by the Consolidated M. and S. Co., recently sent to Trail 43 tons of silver ore, this being the first lot shipped this year. Some years ago this mine was one of the important producers of Slocan City division. The Black Prince, in the same division, recently shipped to Trail a car of high grade silver ore, which was its first shipment since last January.

Nelson.—The Granite-Poorman group of gold mines, situated within half a dozen miles of Nelson, has been bonded by Messrs. W. E. Cullen and R. A. Carnochan, of Spokane, Washington; John Maginnis and H. I. Wilson, of Butte, and T. B. Miller, of Helena, Montana. These mines have been intermittent producers over a comparatively long period, probably for twenty years. Some years ago they were operated by the Duncan United Mines Co.; then they were for some time worked by Thos. Gough and associates, who eventually sold them to a company organized locally as the Kootenay Gold Mines, but which finally got into financial difficulties, and the property has since been looked after by a receiver, until it was leased to several local men, who are understood to have operated profitably for the last year or more. Now these lessees have passed their option of purchase on to the syndicate first-mentioned. The group embraces 13 mineral claims, having a total area of about 350 acres, a mill site of 15 acres and a 20 stamp mill. The Nelson Daily News recently published the information that the average value of all ore (unsorted) milled during the period 1899-1912 was \$6.12 a ton. Latterly the ore has