

GIANT IS A DANDY

Captain Hall Has Begun a Tunnel in Almost Solid Ore.

SHOWING IN THE SHAFT

Though Only Down 15 Feet it is all in Ore—The Average of the Last Eight Assays is Over \$31 Per Ton in Gold.

The assays from the shaft being made on the Giant continue to be most excellent. The last eight assays for gold ore are as follows: \$16, \$23.20, \$20, \$1.60, \$36, \$18, \$49.60 and \$6. This gives an average of a little over \$21 in gold per ton. The shaft is down only 15 feet. This, therefore, is a fine showing. The shaft is in a large ore body, the real extent of which is unknown. No crosscuts have been made and none will be made until the depth of 50 feet, or perhaps, 100 feet, is secured.

It is the belief of those in charge of the Giant that shipments of ore can begin very soon. All the ore taken out in sinking the shaft is of shipping quality, though it will have to be sorted. There is some waste running through it, but this can be easily taken out. A sorting house has already been built so that work may be done in bad weather.

Two tunnels are being driven on the ledge and both these look well, though the ore in them is not so high in grade as that in the shaft. Comfortable cabins for the winter have been constructed and a wagon road completed to the mine so that the company is now in working shape.

Capt. Hall, superintendent of the Le Roi, has started a new tunnel on the Giant, of which he has general charge, and although it is in only four or five feet the face is in almost solid ore. The \$3.00 in gold. The tunnel was started to run in on the ledge at a point not far from the California ground. No assays have been made since those above referred to.

MADE A CLEAN-UP.

Burglars Made a Few Friendly Calls on Sunday Morning.

Late Sunday morning burglars took a number of liberties in the city. They broke open the side door of the Montreal hotel and took \$15 from the bar bill. They opened a window at the Lancaster house and secured \$52 from the trower's pockets of J. Leigh Rowley, the clerk, and after arranging the trinkets found in his pockets on a table in an orderly manner, retired. The money they obtained was the property of W. K. Humphrey, who left it with Mr. Rowley for safe keeping. The Kootenay hotel was also robbed of \$11.

The news from the St. Elmo tunnel continues to be of the most encouraging character. There is hardly a doubt but that the face of the tunnel is now in a great ore chute.

OUR INTEREST IN POLITICS.

The approaching session of both the Dominion and Provincial parliaments will be fraught with interest for the people of Kootenay. The federal parliament will have to deal with other important questions with a revision of the tariff, trade relations with the United States and the Crow's Nest Pass railway. The conclusion arrived at in each of these matters will affect for weal or woe almost every resident in Kootenay. A reduction in the tariff or reciprocity with the United States would greatly stimulate the existing trade with the States of Washington and Oregon and at the same time greatly reduce the cost of nearly all the articles of consumption. The construction of the Crow's Nest Pass railway on the other hand, would, if freights were reduced to a reasonable basis, give a tremendous impetus to the growing trade with the prairies of the Northwest and Manitoba and the cities of Ontario and Quebec, and also greatly cheapen the necessities of life.

Our Provincial parliament will have several applications before it for charters for railways, to say nothing of private acts conferring special privileges in the way of water supplies and water powers. The incorporation of Rossland, will also come up if our citizens do not lose interest in the question in the meantime and forfeit their rights by neglecting to apply for a private act in due time and in proper form. The mineral act will be sure to come in for another tinkering. The estimates can not fail to be of interest and the method of raising next year's revenue will have to be decided.

It will be seen therefore that there are manifold reasons why the people of Kootenay and especially the citizens of Rossland should take a lively interest in both Dominion and Provincial politics this winter.

WAR EAGLE PROSPECTS.

The definite announcement of President Clark of the War Eagle company that the management has stopped dickerer for the sale of the property and has concluded to go ahead and work it for all it is worth, has been received with a great deal of pleasure in Rossland. While the sale of this magnificent property to a London company would doubtless have done much to interest English capital in our mines, yet the fact remains that the public is more anxious to see the mine worked than to see it sold, no matter how large the figure might be. That the company will soon obtain dividends fully as much as it would

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have got for its stocks by selling out, is the firm belief of everyone in Rossland cognizant of the condition of the mine and the fact that a smelter is to be built in the spring by the War Eagle company, proves that the management has equal faith in the property with the public.

THE SMELTER SITUATION.

If there is one question more than another which is now occupying the minds of mine owners, railroad men and capitalists interested in Rossland it is the question of smelters. This is a very hopeful sign. In this day and generation so soon as public attention is turned to a question of this kind it is as good as solved. The treatment of Rossland ores has hardly been taken into account so far. It was the question of finding pay ore bodies or finding ore bodies of any kind which has up to date, absorbed most attention.

The smelting question is one which has always greatly interested THE MINER and we believe also its readers. The future of the camp depends so greatly on the price at which the reduction of its ores can be effected that it would be strange if it were otherwise.

Of late several subheads of the great smelter question have been to all intents decided. It is now recognized universally that the smelters which intend to do the business of this camp must be among the mines themselves or at least very close to them. A long haul of this ore, it is plain, will not be tolerated on account of its extravagance. Another point which has been made plain is that the ordinary blast furnace can handle economically though possibly not to the very best advantage, ores running as low as \$10 per ton.

We believe that the solution of the question will result in the upbuilding here of a great smelting as well as a great mining industry and in saying this we recognize what it means. If our belief proves correct Rossland will be one of the largest cities in the west and in all likelihood the most populous and wealthy city in British Columbia.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

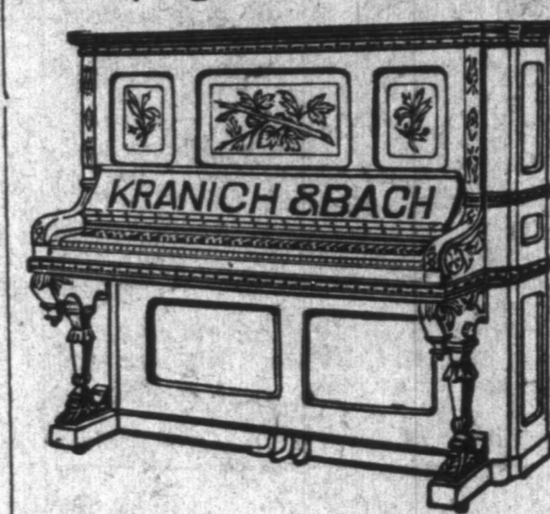
TALKING of the Red Mountain railway reminds us that no arrangements have been made for handling the mails over that route when it is completed. As it is at present mails from all American and eastern Canadian points cannot possibly arrive earlier than 7 p.m., and frequently do not arrive until nearly midnight, whereas they would get here over the new road early in the afternoon. Mr. Bostock, having enjoyed a lengthy holiday in the Old Country, might now find time to give this matter his immediate attention.

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Mine: The Red Point on Lookout Mountain in the Trail Creek

Mining District.

Position and Size.

The Red Point claim was the first location made on Lookout Mountain and lies between St. Charles, Dels, and Sovereign, on the one side, the Imperial, K. of L., Wolverine, Occidental and St. Croix on the other. The property has been paid for and surveyed. The size of the property is 1500 by 1500 feet the full size claimed. The citizens of Trail city have contributed a fund for the building of a wagon road from the town up Lookout Mountain to connect with the mines. About \$3,500 worth of development work has been done and a contract has been awarded for a 300-foot tunnel.

J. K. Clark's Report.

"I have made a careful examination of the Red Point mineral claim situated on Lookout Mountain and beg to submit the following report:

"The ore deposits occur in the form of three parallel veins as shown by the outcrop which is large and well defined and can be traced nearly the entire length of the claim, the trend or strike being in an easterly and westerly direction. The width of the veins of unusual thickness, the croppings in several places being over 50 feet in width.

"The vein matter or matrix consists of large masses of oxidized iron, interspersed with streaks of arsenical iron on the surface, carrying small gold values with a percentage of copper. At a depth of a few feet, as shown by the limited development work done, the oxidized ore changes to a sulphide, carrying iron pyrites, arsenical iron, copper sulphides and chalcocypries of copper, and greater values in both gold and copper. These features are characteristic of the principal mines of the district where pay values are not expected at the surface. The development work consists of several open cuts from five to ten feet in depth and in each of the openings a fair showing of ore is exposed."

E. S. Topping's Report.

TRAIL, B. C., September 12, 1896.
"In answer to yours of the 3rd Sept. re Red Point claim, will say that there are three veins or ore bodies on the claim, one of which has a width in sight of six feet, one of probably four feet, and one of about twenty inches. Two

of these veins have been traced for several hundred feet on the surface. Of assays I have taken but two, one tested by F. Pellet Harvey ran \$73 gold, one from the present tunnel run with a local assayer \$6 gold. In 1894, I took a piece of the croppings, and after crushing and washing it found gold to the value of \$50 and upwards per ton. I have always thought highly of the property. There is sufficient spring water on the ground to supply any works that may be devised. The country about is fairly timbered, and the fuel supply need not be considered for many years."

T. H. Finnegan's Report.

"The vein the shaft is on is about 20 feet wide, and is traceable for about 600 feet, and no doubt can be traced further by removing the top soil. The shaft is down about 12 feet. We had ore to start on, but it improved in quantity and quality as depth was attained. I did not consider it economy to continue the shaft, as we had decided to leave it to the decision of the diamond drill. I think the next best showing is the big cropping up the hill, where the \$87 assay was taken from. There is still another good showing over northwest of the discovery line. It is a remarkably good showing. The fact of the Sovereign passing from a prospect to a mine, would in my estimation enhance the value of the Red Point 100 per cent. I have conversed with several mining men in regard to it, and they all agree that the surface showing of the Red Point is as promising as that of the Josie, Le Roi and War Eagle.

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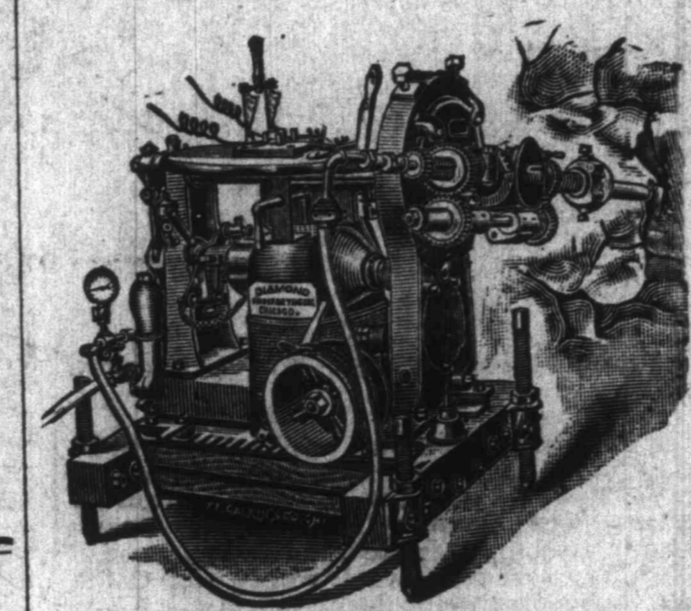
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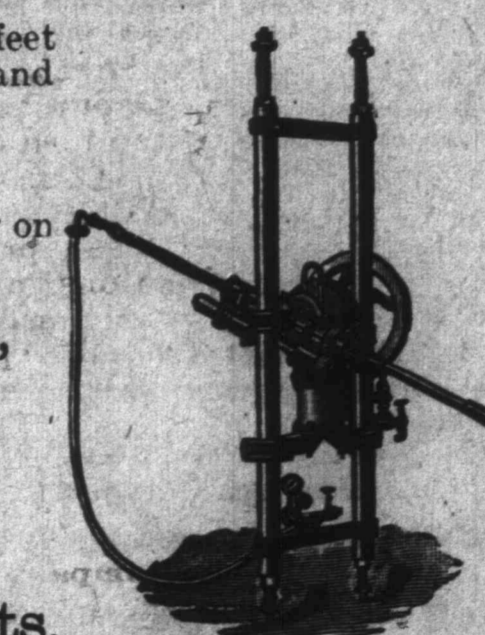
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