

MINES AND MINING

Messrs. Harris and Baker Pleased with the Boundary Country.

THEY PURCHASED A CLAIM

The intention is to Push Work on the Boundary Creek Companies' Properties—Work on the Nevada Shows That it is an Excellent Property.

Messrs. Lionel W. Harris and A. Ernest Baker, the London stock brokers, who were here for several days and who went to the Boundary Creek section, have gone to Spokane. They then met Messrs. Hector McRae and Alex. Dick Friday evening and go to Tuolumne county, California, where they will examine several properties.

While in the Boundary creek section they inspected the properties of the Boundary Creek Mining & Milling company, which is controlled by the London and Canada company, which is controlled by Mr. Harris and his associates. There are 12 claims in this group, and they are located at the junction of Ehoit and Boundary creeks. The ledges on these properties carry gold, silver and lead, and the ore is of a high grade. They were very much impressed with the properties of this group and decided to go to commence the work of developing them.

With that end in view Alexander Scarf has been engaged as foreman. He was foreman of the Columbia and Kootenay first under Mr. A. B. Irwin, then under Mr. F. Aug. Heineald, and finally under Mr. D. J. Macdonald. A diamond drill outfit is on the ground and will be largely used in prospecting. Mr. Harris was so pleased with the group that he considered that he could not have enough of a good thing, and so he purchased an adjoining property from D. A. Holbrook, paying him \$10,000 for it. Messrs. Harris and Baker visited the O. Idronides and the Knob Hill mines, and were most favorably impressed with their immense ore bodies.

Messrs. Harris and Baker will join Messrs. McRae and Dick in Spokane today, and from thence they will proceed to California to examine mining properties there. From California Messrs. Harris and Baker will go to England. It is Mr. Harris' intention to form a large company on his return to London on lines similar to the British American corporation. It will be a large development corporation. When this has been financed it is his intention to return here, and then he says he will be prepared to do business. This time he was simply on a tour of observation and although he did a little business it will be as nothing to that which he will transact when he returns. Mr. Harris is a member of the firm of Burdett & Harris. This firm handled the sales of the Le Roi during the recent flurry in London and made considerable money out of them. This is the firm that floated the company which is handling the Mergenthaler typesetting machines in Great Britain, and out of which the shareholders have reaped such large profits.

Hector McRae and L. N. Harris arranged within the last few days to give the Canadian Pacific Railway company a right of way through the property of the Boundary Creek Mining & Milling company's townsite, Boundary City. The intention is to soon place the lots in this townsite on the market.

The Nevada.

Mr. R. C. Pollett, managing director of the American Eagle Gold Mining company, owning the Nevada property, which was formerly known as the Guttenberg, has just returned from Ymir, where he has been for the past two weeks superintending operations. He is enthusiastic over the outlook, and states that the work so far done is more than satisfactory. The main ledge, he says, is a true fissure vein, cutting the formation at an angle of about 60 degrees, running northwest by south-east, and constituting an ideal tunnel site. All the other conditions are equally favorable. There is unlimited water power contiguous to the property, which makes it unnecessary to use steam for any purpose. There is a luxuriant growth of timber, so that there is no necessity for going far for lumber for use in the workings. The present work consists of stripping the ledge for the entire length of the claim, thereby establishing its continuity. In every instance where the ledge has been uncovered, several feet of concentrating quartz, heavily mineralized, is exposed. This carries a paystreak of from 18 to 24 inches in width of high grade shipping ore. The stripping of the ledge will be completed in ten days or less, when a tunnel will be commenced and work upon it vigorously and continuously pushed. Besides the main ledge already mentioned, there are three other ledges on the claim which have been sufficiently opened to warrant their being considered very valuable. Mr. Pollett brought with him quite a quantity of the ore, which is on exhibition at G. W. McBride's hardware store. It attracted a great deal of admiring attention yesterday. The property is crown granted, containing 48 1/2 acres and is only a short distance from Ymir. Mr. M. E. Purcell of this city, is in charge of the development work.

A Plant for the Rambler-Cariboo.

W. H. Adams, manager of the Rambler-Cariboo, was in the city Friday for the purpose of purchasing a compressor plant for the property. A month since there was a deal partially closed for a plant, but it fell through. Mr. Adams says that he is determined that there shall be no hitch in the deal at this time, and that he is determined that the plant shall be in operation by the 1st of August. In addition to this he stated that the Rambler-Cariboo company would commence the paying of dividends on September 1st of at least one cent a share per month, and would keep this up continuously. He reported that the property is in first class shape.

Operate the Buchhorn.

Messrs. Rufus Pope, M. P., of Compton, Que., and J. Roberts Allen, a prominent capitalist of Toronto, have gone to the Buchhorn property in the Boundary Creek country, for the purpose of arranging for the commencement of operations upon it. This property was acquired by these gentlemen last spring. It has a good surface showing, and it is thought that development will prove it to be valuable.

HE SELLS MACHINERY.

A Chat With H. F. Bostwick, a Traveler From Denver.

Mr. F. H. Bostwick of the Hendrie & Boltoff Manufacturing & Supply company, of Denver, Colo., is a guest at the Hotel Allan. Mr. Bostwick is making a tour of British Columbia, being on his way now to Nelson, Sandon, Vancouver and Victoria. He reports the mining situation of Colorado, Montana, Idaho and Washington as particularly promising. Speaking of his own state he said: "English capital is securing much valuable property there the most extensive sale for the year being W. S. Stratton's Independence mine, located at Victor, in the Cripple Creek district, sold to the Venture company of London for \$11,000,000, \$1,000,000 of which is however, to be used for working capital.

"The record for this famous district for the coming year will reach nearly \$20,000,000, as against \$23,195,300, the gold production for the entire state for 1898. In addition to this amount of gold, Colorado produced \$13,451,204 in silver in 1898. Asked as to the object of his trip at this time, Mr. Bostwick said: "Denver is preeminently the mining machinery center of the United States, and its manufacturers today send their output to every mining country on the globe. We make a specialty of hoisting machinery, from the smallest to the largest plants built, and it is to introduce our hoisting plants in British Columbia that I am making this trip at this time. We claim for our prospecting hoists that the Colorado types excel the world for completeness of form, safety, high speed and cheap fuel cost.

"Colorado capital has its eye on this country, and we look forward to a big business in the future. I am delighted with what I have seen of your camp and city."

The Mill Structure is Finished.

Superintendent Edgecombe of the Okanagan Free Gold Mines has forwarded pictures of the 10-stamp mill which is being erected. These show that the mill structure is finished. The machinery is being put together, and it is now certain that the mill will be in operation by the 15th of July. There is plenty of ore on the dump, and the first clean-up for a month's run will be made on the 15th of August. Mr. Edgecombe reports that the ore bodies are widening and that everything is looking well.

War Eagle Dividend.

The regular monthly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent on \$1,750,000 or \$26,250, was paid by the War Eagle Consolidated company last week, making the total dividends paid to date, \$335,250.

A Find in the Iron Horse.

In the east drift of the Iron Horse yesterday a ledge of fine looking ore was broken into. It is rich looking ore, and it is thought it will assay well.

Granite and Royal Canadian.

An important flotation of local property has just been successfully carried through in London. The Granite and Royal Canadian syndicates have been incorporated under the name of the Granite Gold Mines, and successfully floated in London with a capitalization of £120,000.

The two groups are among the richest free milling propositions in the Nelson district.

It is proposed to immediately erect a 20-stamp mill, for which water power and millsite have already been secured. It is estimated that 85 tons of ore can be treated per day with this plant, at a total cost of \$6 per ton. The ore at the lowest estimate will go \$20 per ton (so far the average is \$30), giving a net profit for 300 working days of over \$200,000.

The Duncan syndicate, which is the vendor of the property, is getting half a million dollars for it. Altogether seven claims totaling 188 acres, are comprised in the two groups.

Limiting Capital Stock.

The bill which was recently passed by the Michigan legislature to remove the limitations heretofore put by law on the capital stock of mining companies in the state, was last week vetoed by Governor Pingree. The advocates of the bill could not muster votes enough to pass it over the veto, and the bill is dead for this year. The limit imposed by the law is \$2,500,000, and no mining company organized in the state can have a greater nominal par value on its stock than \$25 per share. The bill does not seem to be especially interesting by those who are really most interested. The larger companies, though the selling value of their stock is many times its par value, do not seem to care to make any change, and most of the working companies are satisfied with the old law. The only parties who want any change are the promoters and the speculative companies, who look for profit to the stock market and not to the mining properties, they own. These people, of course, want as many shares as possible at the lowest price. People generally, however, are quite satisfied that they should be limited.—Engineering and Mining Journal.

Work on the St. Elmo.

Henry Krumb, superintendent for the New St. Elmo Mining company, reports that work is being pushed on the property of the company on Red Mountain. In anticipation of the arrival of the compressor plant, which has been ordered, the work of putting the road in shape is in progress. A cut has been made across to the Gertrude, so as to come out on the War Eagle road, and the curves are being made larger, so that a fair-sized load can be hauled to the property over it. The work of extending the shaft is in progress, two shifts being employed. A blacksmith shop has been erected and everything is in good shape around the property.

Promoters' Shares. Value in Sight.

Syndicate forming, developing Silver Belt group, three claims, Trout Lake district, having two veins, one being the famous Silver Cup ledge, and the other richer is being mined, the other eight feet of quartz assaying \$8 in gold on the surface. English engineer's report, most favorable and minute, says: "Can even now ship at a profit of \$30 per ton. Deeper mining and railway, now building, will greatly improve this. Success certain, in high degree and quick. A real 'grass roots' mine. Write or wire promptly for particulars, as opportunity to join syndicate will soon pass. If dealing in shares, state quantity you want reserved till details arrive."

GEO. K. MORTON, Private Banker, St. Thomas, Ont.

THE LAKE SHORE DEAL

Group Has Been Taken Over by the Canadian Gold Fields.

HAS SHIPPED LOTS OF ORE

A Compressor Plant is to be Installed at Once so That the Production of Ore May be Materially Increased—Other Notes of Interest.

Mr. J. C. Drewry has returned from Moyie, whither he went with Dr. R. J. Wilson of Toronto, president, and Alexander Pridham of Granville, vice-president, of the Canadian Gold Fields syndicate, and E. P. Heaton, general manager of the Guardian Life Insurance company of Toronto, for the purpose of taking over the Lake Shore group at Moyie. Dr. Wilson and Mr. Pridham went to the coast, from whence they will leave for the east within a day or two. Mr. Heaton returned with Mr. Drewry. Mr. Drewry was seen yesterday and stated that the operations had been taken over and that property would be pushed with the utmost energy. He also stated that he had ordered a complete seven-drill compressor plant from James D. Sword, M. E., the agent in British Columbia for the James Cooper Manufacturing company of Montreal. This plant will be a model one in every respect and will be built under Mr. Sword's directions, he having contracted to put the plant in running order. The plant consists of an Ingersoll-Sergeant air compressor, a 100-horse power boiler, receivers, condenser, and a full complement of drills and pumps, etc. This will be the largest plant in East Kootenay. There are four other plants there. These are at the North Star, Sullivan, St. Eugene and Thunder Hill mines.

There are eight claims in the Lake Shore group, located on Lake Moyie, which is an ideal situation for a mine. The veins are from four to 13 feet in width, the vein-filling being of quartz and highly argentiferous galena. Shipments have been made from the property and net over \$600 to the carload above all expenses. The Crow's Nest railway, which will be the main line of the C. P. R., passes over the property and within 100 feet of the proposed power plant. No better situation for a large mine could exist, there being unlimited timber and water upon the property and a railway at the mouth of the main tunnel. The topography of the principal claim is such that chutes can be run from the mouth of the tunnels to dump into the railway cars below. Mr. Drewry was very fortunate in securing this valuable property, as there was considerable competition among mining men to get an option upon it. The price paid was in the neighborhood of \$90,000, and many engineers who have visited the property believe that sufficient ore can be mined from it to pay for it within the next few months, and that it is destined to be one of the largest silver-lead producers in East Kootenay. This valuable acquisition of the Canadian Gold Fields syndicate should have a market effect on the price of its stock. Mr. Heaton, in speaking of the property yesterday, said that the Lake Shore group was destined to make the stockholders of the company rich. Mr. Heaton also visited the Sunset No. 2, in this camp, and said he was greatly pleased with the appearance of that property.

Mr. Drewry left on Saturday for Toronto and Montreal, to be absent for three weeks. One of the purposes of his trip to the east is to attend the meeting of the directors of the Canadian Gold Fields syndicate, which will be held in Toronto on July 4th.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

Black Prince, Queen of the Valley and King of the West, mineral claims, situated in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district, where located—At the conference of Bear Creek with Columbia, dated 23rd day of May, 1899, intended, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 24th day of March, 1899.

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HINCKLEY AND BLACK COLT MINING COMPANY, LIMITED LIABILITY.

Notice is hereby given that a special general meeting of the Hinckley and Black Colt Mining company, limited liability, will be held at the offices of Daly & Hamilton, Keller block, Columbia avenue, Rossland, B. C., on Friday, the 30th day of June, 1899, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

First, for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and for all other general purposes relating to the management of the company;

Second, for the purpose of considering and, if deemed advisable authorizing the disposing of the whole or any portion of the assets, rights, powers, privileges and franchises of the company upon such terms and conditions as to the directors may seem best or upon such other terms and conditions as the shareholders shall at the said meeting decide upon;

Third, for the purpose of increasing the number of directors of the company;

Fourth, for considering any proposition that may be laid before the company for the purchase by the company of the Mary D. mineral claim;

Fifth, to authorize the increase of the capital stock of the company if deemed advisable;

Sixth, for transacting such other business as may be lawfully brought before the meeting.

Dated at Rossland, this 23rd day of May, A. D., 1899.

A. D. IRWIN, Secretary.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

NOTICE.

Buffalo No. 2, Ontario, and Great Britain mineral claims, situated in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: On the west slope of O. Foot six inches depth is gained for every foot driven. The property runs 1,700 feet southeast uphill, and 1,600 feet westerly, and certificates of improvement registered and crown grants will be issued at once. There are three separate and distinct veins plainly seen in the cross-sections of the surface down the railway and wagon roads, and all in

mineralized quartz in contact with porphyry and granite. There have been two tunnels driven, one on the No. 1 vein and the other on the No. 2 vein, which is in 65 feet and which has tapped the ledge shown up on the railway cut, 40 feet wide between porphyry walls. A shaft 35 feet deep was sunk on No. 1 vein, with a splendid showing. Several open cuts and stripping work have been done. There is every indication of this being the main vein in the Rossland mineral zone, and is a direct continuation of the Le Roi, as the ore is identical, and it has been struck in tunnel No. 2, and shipping can be commenced forthwith. The property is near all the smelters and one and a half miles from reduction works. We offer the above proposition, which can stand the fullest investigation. It can not be equalled or excelled by any. Assays from base ore taken from tunnels, shaft, cuts and surface vent the following:

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No. 3.....164 — —

No. 4.....112 6.4 3.00

No. 5.....28 7.1 4.00

No. 6.....4 13 1.00

No. 7.....296 — —

No. 8.....5 — —

No. 9.....6.10 oz. 7 3.00

No. 10.....1.20 — —

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

In the Matter of the O. K. Gold Mining Co., Foreign

IN LIQUIDATION

Pursuant to order of the Supreme Court, there will be offered for sale by the official liquidator at the Mining Recorder's office at Rossland, on Friday, the 30th day of June, 1899, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, all and singular Lot No. 678, group 1, Kootenay district, and known as the "O. K." mineral claim, on the official plan or survey of said Kootenay district, together with the stamp mill, compressor plant, tramway and other mining machinery, buildings and erections, water rights, appurtenances and other rights and privileges connected therewith.

The said mine and premises is situated about 2 1/2 miles west of the City of Rossland, Trail Creek Mining division, on the line of the Columbia and Red Mountain railway, and comprises about 31 acres of land.

The buildings consist of the following: One mill building, containing ten stamps, but designed to accommodate twenty-five stamps, engine and boiler house, office building, mess room, cook house and store room, and manager's residence.

Development consists of three main tunnels, one winze, and numerous drifts, aggregating over 1500 feet of work.

The mine is connected with the mill by gravity surface tramway 600 feet in length. The machinery consists of the following, namely, two 50 H. P. standard tubular boilers, one 85 H. P. Corlis engine, one

10 stamp mill, one No. 6 Blake crusher, one grizzly 4x10, 3x4 iron, two Challenge automatic feeders, one overhead crawl with iron track, one 10 ton differential pulley block, one gold retort with cover, wedges and condenser pipe. One Hand capable of running 4 drills, one 28x3 feet air receiver, one No. 7 Miller Duplex pump, three 6 feet Fraser & Chalmers Frue Vanners, plant belts, one 4 cone hydrometric sizer, one Woodbury concentrator, one bumping table, extra amalgamating plates, following concentrating table, and one Fraser & Chalmers ore sample grinder, etc.

The property will be offered en bloc, subject to a reserve bid fixed by the court. The purchaser shall pay ten per cent of the purchase money at the time of sale to the Liquidator or his solicitor, and shall pay the balance into court to the credit of this cause within fifteen days after the date of sale without interest.

The other conditions of sale are contained in an order of the court, dated 9th May, 1899, which may be inspected at the office of the Official Liquidator, Imperial Block, or at the office of Macdonald & Clute, Columbia avenue, Rossland, B. C., solicitors for the Liquidator.

Dated this tenth day of June, 1899.

RICHARD PLEWMAN, Official Liquidator.

Humming Bird, B. C., Gold Mines---Limited

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Work now progressing on Humming Bird claim. About 100 tons of pay ore on dump and 700 tons "in sight" in mine, and additional ore being disclosed as work is being done. Ore body of solid pyrrhotite from two feet to four feet wide. Average value from \$20 to \$30 in gold. Other assays \$25, \$42.99, \$97.78. Cost of mining, freight and treatment estimated at \$10 per ton. The Boundary branch of the C. P. R. (now nearly completed) runs within 200 feet of the adjacent O. K. claim (which latter claim the company has bargained to acquire when title is complete—about the end of July). As soon as railway is running ore shipments to smelter are intended to be made. The O. K. claim has a splendid vein of ore somewhat similar to Humming Bird vein, but carrying a percentage of copper. Treasury shares 12 1/2%. For further information or shares apply to

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