

Two Dollars a Year.

THE EVENING STAR

Work on the Property Has Been Discontinued.

WILL PROBABLY SOON RESUME

Shipment of Matte Valued at \$10,000 From Nelson—Development in Pend d'Oreille District.

The Evening Star mine discontinued working Monday, and the men were paid off. The reason for this, it is understood, is some misunderstanding among those composing the management.

Matte Shipments.

The Hall Mines smelter at Nelson shipped two cars of matte on Saturday over the Crow's Nest branch to New York. The matte was valued at something over \$10,000.

PEND D'OREILLE CAMP.

Mr. Arthur Schneider Speaks of Development on Hand.

Mr. Arthur Schneider, a former Rosslander, who is now active in the development of properties on Proctor mountain, in the southeastern corner of the Trail Creek district, is in the city for a few days. He has met with success in his operations in the Pend d'Oreille camp, and reports growing activity in mining in that section, which is rapidly coming to the front as a result of the uncovering of extensive bodies of free milling ore in the workings of the Bunker Hill company.

The new wagon road connecting the old road with the Bunker Hill and adjoining properties, has been finished, and is a very creditable piece of work. Its length is nearly five miles and the exercise of considerable skill was required to make an easy grade along the line of the steep canyon of the Pend d'Oreille. A force of 17 men is now erecting the building for the 30-ton mill, which is to be installed this fall. The right of way for a gravity tramway from the tunnel to the mill is being cleared. The mill is located on the ten-mile creek, half a mile below the No. 1 tunnel, in which a large body of payable ore has been blocked out. It is expected that the mill will be in operation in the course of two or three months. In the meantime considerable development work will be carried out, and a good deal of ore will be ready for treatment when the mill whistles blows.

Messrs. Lang and Pearson, the owners of the Zealandia group of gold-copper claims are erecting a cabin and making preparations for continuous work during the winter.

Negotiations for the sale of the Princess group to British investors are in progress. Messrs. Adie, Hartman and Wilson have developed a good showing of ore on the Bright Future group.

Placer miners along the Pend d'Oreille, Mr. Schneider says, have had a very good season, the diggings having yielded more gold than for a number of years.

On Red Top mountain, at Waneta, there is a good deal of activity, and great things are expected of the copper and silver showings on the wagon road. The Pend d'Oreille district in past seasons, has proved a veritable paradise for hunters and fishermen, but Mr. Schneider says the trout fishing this year has proved very uncertain, while the hunting season, which has just opened, will certainly prove a failure, owing to the incursions of Uncle Sam's Indians, who have bounded most of the deer out of the country.

Prof. Henry Montgomery is making a report on the Pug property, near Waneta, for the company which owns the property. Mr. George Monk, of the Bunker Hill, came in from that property yesterday. He reports satisfactory progress on the mill and tramway.

Ten Miles of Wire Rope.

The Hall Mines, limited, of Nelson, have just closed a contract with Mr. James D. Sword for a new steel wire tramway rope 50,000 feet in length. This rope is of a high grade steel, and has a breaking strain of nearly 70 tons, and weighs about 35 tons. It is to replace the old cable, and will be specially manufactured for the work required, and is being manufactured by the Dominion Wire Rope company, limited, of Montreal, represented by Mr. Sword in this province. This will be the fourth cable used at the mine, each cable lasting an average of a year. The two last cables were manufactured by the Dominion Wire Rope company.

The Great Western.

The shaft of the Great Western has been pumped out and sinking can get resumed. If the management can get along without installing the new Jeanes pump the sinking will be continued in the shaft until the 400-foot level is reached and the new pumping plant will then be put to work.

RED LINE GROUP.

Mackintosh Syndicate Settled With New Bond Given.

It is stated that a settlement has been effected between the Mackintosh syndicate and Messrs. Starbird, Collett and

Robinson, the defendants returning \$5,000, the amount of the first payment made on the Red Line group by Mr. Mackintosh. The amount of the bond was \$100,000. The Mackintosh syndicate have released all claims upon the property. The Mackintosh syndicate brought suit against Messrs. Starbird and Robinson for breach of contract, also to recover the first payment of \$5,000, but the case has been settled as stated.

The group has been again bonded by the Fraser-Chalmers syndicate. The fact is not known, but it is understood that it is around \$120,000. Paulding-Farnham of New York, representing the above syndicate, made an examination of the property during the past week. Development work has already commenced under the direction of Mr. Sutherland.

The Borneite Bank.

Mr. J. R. Cranston, manager for the syndicate owning the Borneite Bank group of six properties on Morning mountain, four miles south of Nelson, came in from the claims yesterday. Mr. Cranston says the work recently done is showing up very well indeed. On the Maggie a shaft has been sunk 12 feet, and men are now engaged erecting a shaft house so that work can be carried on steadily this winter. A contract for 100 feet of shafting will be let on Saturday next, and on Monday the contractors will commence sinking a 7x11 shaft. This will leave a 5x5 shaft in the clear after timbering. Assessment work on the remaining five claims of the group has been completed, and the owners are well satisfied with the results obtained.

Iron Colt Reconstruction.

Editor Miner: Please give me any information you may have regarding the reorganization of the Iron Colt Mining company, and oblige F. G. H. Chicago, Sept. 30.

In order to obtain funds to continue development work on the Iron Colt, it has been decided to form a new company, under the name of the Iron Colt Mining, limited, with the same capital as the original company, the shares of the new company to be assessable to the extent of 25 cents per share. The old company has passed special resolutions, in accordance with the act so empowering them, to voluntarily wind up and to transfer all their property and undertaking to a new company, which has been formed under the name of the Iron Colt Mines, limited, with the same capital as the old company. The shareholders in the old company receive at their own option as consideration for the transfer of their property to the new company, one share of the par value of \$1 with the sum of 75 cents credited as paid up thereon in the new company for every share which they hold in the old company. The directors from time to time may make such calls as they think fit, but not exceeding 2 1/2 per cent per share, which may be payable within four months after the last preceding call was made. Thirty days' notice of any call must be given specifying the time and mode of payment and to whom such call shall be paid. With the money made available by this reconstruction it is intended to prosecute and carry on the further development of the Iron Colt mine.

THE HUMMING BIRD.

Manager Reports New Find of Ore—Four Hundred Tons on the Dump.

Mr. J. J. Macaulay, superintendent of the Humming Bird mine, on the north fork of the Kettle river, ten miles from Grand Forks, writes Mr. Smith Curtis under date of 8th inst., that below the footwall of the present ore body he has struck a new body of good size. He is not sure but thinks the two ore chutes will coalesce. The ore body in which Mr. Macaulay, with three shifts has been working for the past six weeks has varied from 30 inches to six feet wide, and was ten feet wide on the first of the month. There are, it is estimated, over 400 tons of shipping ore on the dump that will run over \$20 per ton.

The Peoria.

Dr. Kerr and Mr. John Dean returned yesterday from a visit to the Peoria mine which they left here on Saturday last to inspect. The result of their trip was the utmost satisfaction with the property, which comes up to the fullest expectation. On the way over they encountered a heavy snow storm after leaving Whitewater and on arriving at the mine they found snow on the mountain to the depth of a foot. There are six men engaged in development work on the property under the superintendence of Foreman Finnegan. The shaft is now down 35 feet, and considerable work has been done in crosscutting. A few tons of good ore have been sacked and will be sent to the sampling works at Kaslo. It has been decided to let a contract to sink further and then drift. Just before they arrived a splendid vein was struck on the hanging wall near the surface. Dr. Kerr said in speaking to a Miner representative yesterday that their inspection had convinced them that they possessed a magnificent property, which, with more development would prove to be a mine. They were thoroughly satisfied with the showing. He thought it possible that owing to the difficulty of obtaining labor they might not be able to make a shipment until the spring. The strike in the district had done a great deal of mischief, and most of the mines were still shut down. In consequence of this business was very dull.

Chief Justice Tuck in Town.

Chief Justice Tuck of New Brunswick, arrived in town last evening and is staying at the Allan. His lordship has been visiting coast and interior points, where members of his family reside, and will not return to his maritime home for a couple of weeks. He is delighted with the west, in which he has met a large number of his old friends. Sheriff Tuck of Nelson, accompanied him, and they return to Nelson tomorrow morning.

FROM OTHER CAMPS

End of the Prospecting Season is Drawing Near.

MORE SMELTERS IN BOUNDARY

News From the Slocan, East Kootenay, Trout Lake and the Boundary Creek Country—Where the Most Activity Prevails at Present—Many Items of Interest.

The Boundary country continues to be the most active section of Southern British Columbia. Not only are the properties being rapidly developed under the stimulus of railway construction, but the smelter question for the district is being pressed to a settlement. In the Slocan what few miners are still working are doing only surface work, and the close-down is tighter than ever, without any present promise of a change. There are still a good many men out on the hills engaged in prospecting or completing assessment work, but another fortnight will see most of them in camp again.

Appended will be found items of interest from East Kootenay, the Slocan, Trout Lake and the Boundary Country.

THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

Progress on Many Properties—30,000 Tons of Ore Ready—Smelter Galore.

Angus K. Stewart is having the Shakespear, adjoining the John Bull, surveyed. The No. 3 tunnel on the Mystery is now in over 40 feet. This makes over 300 feet of work done on this property this season.

The John Bull tunnel is now in 135 feet, and is looking better all the time. The group is being surveyed by Young & Burnett of Rossland.

On the Sunset mine in Deadwood camp the railroad has opened up a body of ore which is the finest in the district. This ore in this cut is of a finer grade than any yet found on the property. It assays over 15 per cent copper. Some 1,500 feet of work has been done on this property. The shaft on the Pontifex Gold-Mining company's property on Huckleberry mountain is now down 65 feet, and other work is being done also. Some splendid assays have been obtained from this property. Much of the ore is identical with that of the Republic mine. The property is only five miles from Casade.

The B. C. mine, Summit camp, is asking for tenders for sinking its main shaft 100 feet deeper than the present depth of 109 feet.

The Anchor and Enterprise, adjoining the Jewel mine, in Long Lake camp, will be vigorously developed at an early date. The railway graders have made a cut on the Golden Crown showing a ledge of solid pyrrhotite ore, at least 25 feet wide. It was at a point where it was believed there were no ore bodies.

Work on ore from the Golden Eagle, in the north fork of Kettle river, but \$75 and \$100 assays were more frequent. The new strike was on a new ledge.

The double compartment shaft of the Mother Lode, in Deadwood camp, is now down 266 feet, at which depth ore runs 30 per cent copper. Some other shipments are to start as soon as the rail-way is completed to the property.

A recent strike was made in the Winni peg, in Wellington camp, of a big body of \$100 ore at the 300-foot level. Over six feet of this fine ore, being a massive pyrrhotite, was encountered in one of the drifts.

Grand Forks is to have another smelter. Mr. Harry Gager, a well known mining engineer, has decided to locate on the site adjoining the Granby smelter, provided Mr. J. P. Graves gives the water supply on reasonable terms. No difficulty in this particular is anticipated.

The flotation of the Dominion Copper Company, limited, will be undertaken simultaneously in Toronto and Montreal. The company has purchased and amalgamated these Phoenix properties: The Brooklyn and Standard copper mines, the Stenwinder and Montezuma copper mines, the Rawhide copper mine and the Idaho copper mine.

The vein on the Morrison, in Deadwood camp, at a depth of 220 feet is 96 feet wide, and drifting east and west will be pushed with vigor. Several hundred tons of ore, removed during the crosscutting of the vein, have been piled on the dump. A 10-hp compressor has been contracted for, but owing to prior orders will not be delivered in less than three months. It is estimated that there are 30,000 tons of ore on the dumps of the Old Iron sides and Knob Hill mines, in Greenwood camp, which was taken out in development.

The Shamrock and Thistle, owned by D. C. Beach, C. S. Wallis, R. Dalby Morkill, Jr., and John McKane, have yielded some of the highest grade ore yet found on Shamrock mountain. The company is putting up a large bunk house to accommodate 200 men. This company has about the best appointed hotel for their men to be found in the country.

The C. P. R. graders have been blasting out ore on the Oro Denoro in Stimington camp at a point 250 feet north of the place where they had previously opened up a large body of shipping ore, thus indicating that the vein or series of parallel veins have great depth.

An enormous strike is reported on the Morrison in Phoenix camp. The strike consists of a ledge from 300 to 400 feet wide and assays from \$40 to \$50 to the ton in gold and copper. It is the intention of the company to immediately erect a large bunk house, boarding house, etc.

A fine strike was made lately on the Waterloo, in Camp McKinney, in the west

drift, opening up a ledge 10 feet wide, which will assay about \$50 to the ton. A five-stamp mill is being installed on this property but the building and power will be large enough for 10 stamps.

On the Sailor, in Camp McKinney eight men are working, which force will be increased as soon as the hoist arrives. It is intended also to put in a steam drill. The company is also developing the Rover, the adjoining claim.

EAST KOOTENAY.

The Lake Shore to Ship—Concentrator at the St. Eugene Completed.

The tunnel on the Little Chief mine is now in 82 feet. The concentrator at the St. Eugene mine will be completed about the 20th.

The Pretty Girl mine in the Windermere district will be worked as a winter ledge. The No. 1 tunnel of the Lake Shore mine at Morye has widened to 12 feet. Shipments will probably commence this week.

On the Dupont group of mines the work is still progressing, and late reports are to the effect that the rich ore chute in the new tunnel is improving.

The owners of the Swansea mine expect to take out 500 tons of ore from the mine to Windermere during the winter, and ship to the smelter in the spring.

The right of way for the new North Star tramway has been completed. This right of way is one and a half miles long and 150 feet wide in the clear.

The crosscut tunnel being driven on the Minnie M. and Tiger is now in 160 feet, and the ledge was encountered at that point. Crosscutting the ledge has been commenced. It is expected to be from six to eight feet wide.

Work on the Chickamoon Stone is progressing rapidly. The main tunnel is now in 266 feet, at which point a crosscut is being run to tap a parallel ledge. The shaft is down 35 feet. About a dozen men are now employed, and this force will be added to as room can be made.

A contract has been let to run the tunnel on the London Treasury Box claim on the Pezry creek 50 feet in addition to the 124 feet now completed. This tunnel is run on the vein, and all the vein carries an average of \$40 in gold. The London Treasury Box is now under bond to the Mackintosh syndicate.

A big strike is reported on No. 2 creek, near Windermere. At one point there was eight feet of solid galena, and at another point, 150 feet further on, six feet of solid ore.

An immense strike has been made on the Toby Creek by Tom Jones, and the property has been bonded to W. G. Mitchell-Innes for a large sum. The ore is a sand carbonate, one of the most valuable of smelting ores, apart from its economic value, and will command a premium at almost any smelter. The ore body has been cut 1400 feet, and continues in strength cut 1400 feet, and continues in strength cut 1400 feet. It is so extensive that the work so far done has not reached the boundaries, so that the extent of the find is yet unknown, but it is evidently large, and is regarded as one of the best finds of the season. The assays gave 57 to 60 per cent lead, 40 to 50 ounces silver, and \$14 to \$15 gold. The location is between the Dragon and Delphine.

TROUT LAKE.

Strike on the Silver Cup—Work on Many Claims.

A deal is pending on the White Warrior and Snow Flake, a strike made this fall near the Lade group. This property is owned by Messrs. Cummins, Bell and Morgan.

The trail to the Silver Bell, on Five-Mile creek, has been completed, and quantities of supplies are being packed in in preparation for a winter's work of development. A splendid chute of ore was struck recently in the big crosscut at the Silver Cup. The particulars of the strike have not yet been given out, but it is believed to be the best yet encountered even in that rich property.

A deal has practically been closed whereby J. Rutherford obtains a bond for \$7,000 on the Effie group on Cariboo creek. The terms of the bond are \$1,500 cash in three months, 20 per cent in 90 days from date of first payment, and the balance on August 1st, 1910.

A deal was made recently whereby Alexander Ferguson obtained a half interest in the Enterprise claim on the Cap vein for \$3,000 cash. Frank Apicost is the owner of this property.

A force of men has been set to work on the Towser. The operations for the next few weeks will be confined to the surface, where quarters for the men are now in course of construction.

On the Annie E. group, located on Tenderfoot creek, and owned by Walter Phelan and J. C. Lynch, the tunnel is now in some 15 feet and exposes a body of high grade gold ore. Several assays have been made on the product of this group, and the returns range from \$24 to \$91 in gold to the ton. Last week some fine samples of ore were brought down from the Copper Queen, a claim located about four miles from Trout Lake. A great deal of work has been done on this claim, which has resulted in exposing a body of ore which runs 218 ounces in silver.

Work on the Copper Queen, a claim in the Hidden Treasure group near Haskins creek, has exposed some very fine ore.

A new strike has been made near the American, on which four claims, the Bouay Mountain Gold & Copper company, was in the city yesterday ordering supplies for his camp for the next six months. Mr. Star, have been staked. The lead contains about two feet of iron ore from which it is expected good returns will be obtained.

The work done on the I. X. L. has developed a vein containing from 18 to 22 inches of carbonate ore. A tunnel driven 15 feet on the solid vein has exposed this showing. The property is located near the Virginia at the head of Eight-Mile creek.

H. H. Johnston has been authorized to let the contract for 200 feet of tunnel

to be run on the main vein of the Silver Belt. The object of this driving is to tap the junction of this lead with the various rich stringers which appear to dip towards it from both sides. This contract will be completed by the time the railway is ready to handle ore from Trout Lake City.

The Chief Mountain, a claim located at the head of Surprise creek and owned by W. J. Carroll, is the latest strike. On this property a copper lead three feet wide has been discovered. Some of the samples from the new strike run 60 per cent copper, while the bulk of the lead contains ore which, from present indications, will easily dwarf anything in the copper line yet discovered in the Kootenay.

THE SLOCAN.

But Little Work Being Done Under Ground—Shipments.

The Jackson sent out 32 tons during last week. Thirty-three tons of ore were shipped by the Whitewater last week.

The Reo is to have some underground surveying done by Surveyor Hirsch. A test shipment of one ton was made last week from the Hillside, at Whitewater.

The Ruth will supply its own electric light from a plant to be put in at the concentrator.

The Slocan Star let the contract last week for 200 feet of new work—half in tunnel and half in a raise. There are four or five men at work on it.

The ore body now opened up at the Rambler insures steady work and continuous shipments. This property will be one of the heaviest producers in the camp this winter.

Owing to a disagreement with the foreman the men employed at the Whitewater mill all walked out last week. The American Boy now has four feet of concentrating ore in the lower tunnel. There is not a more promising property in the camp just at present.

The Ajax Fraction will be on the shipping list in the near future. Like all the other properties that are working, the Ajax is looking splendid.

A small streak of ore was struck last week in the Sovereign tunnel, which has since widened out to 15 inches of fine looking steel galena. The tunnel is now in 200 feet from the surface. When the contractors, Crouse & Williams, commenced operations, there was a crosscut of 300 feet and a drift of 400 feet, which they have since driven 200 feet, making in all 900 feet of work to where the ore chute was struck. An assay on the ore went 124 ounces silver and 79 per cent lead. It is as yet too early to say anything definite about the dimensions or value of the ore chute, but the depth at which the strike has been made insures an extensive stoping ground should the chute prove as large as it promises.

The following is a statement of ore shipped from Whitewater for the week ending October 5: Jackson, 33 tons; Whitewater, 32 tons; Hillside, one ton; total, 66 tons.

EXCHEQUER SHIPPING ORE.

The Result of the Smelter Test Being Awaited.

The first shipment of ore from the Exchequer mine, which was delayed for several weeks awaiting the completion of the ropeway from the mine to the Hall Mines tramway, is now at the local smelter. There are twenty tons in the shipment, and the result of the smelter test will be awaited with interest. The smelter returns will probably be made known about the end of the week. The Exchequer company has another twenty tons ready for shipment, which will go forward to the smelter as soon as the returns upon the initial shipment are received. The property is now reported to be in good shape, and regular shipments may be expected during the winter. The company has excellent facilities for handling the ore from the mine, it being moved by a ropeway from the shaft mouth to the Hall Mines tramway, where a loading stage has been built, which facilitates loading into the tramway buckets.

Le Roi Shipments.

The Smelter Weights for Last Week's Heavy Output.

The exact tonnage for the week ending October 7th of the Le Roi shipments to Northport, as given by the smelter weights is 4,838,100 pounds, or 2,420 tons. An average of a little over 345 tons per day for the week. This is the heaviest shipment made by the Le Roi this season. The output, however, is not being specially pushed, and the shipments only represent the ordinary work of the mine. The details of the shipments are appended.

Table with 3 columns: No. of Cars, Pounds, and Total. Rows for dates from October 1 to 7, and a total for 2,420 tons.

Work on the Mohican.

Mr. S. F. Griswold, agent of the Chrysolite company and manager for the Norway Mountain Gold & Copper company, was in the city yesterday ordering supplies for his camp for the next six months. Mr. Griswold is very well satisfied with the success he is meeting with in the new strike on the Mohican. He has a force of men working on it and they are now in a distance of 12 feet. They are building a boarding house, a shaft house and a blacksmith shop at the new find and pushing the work as fast as possible for the winter. Mr. Griswold will take out the supplies today. When coming to the city he found about six inches of snow on the summit.

MINES AND MINING

Manager Reports Higher Grade Ore on the Okanogan.

MR. J. S. BAKER ON THE I. X. L.

Le Roi Shipments for Last Week Largest of the Season—More Gold Being Saved on the Okanogan—Work on the Mohican—Notes on the Boundary.

Mr. John S. Baker, of Tacoma, the largest individual shareholder of the I. X. L. Gold Mining & Milling company, owing the I. X. L. mine on O. K. mountain, arrived in town yesterday on a hurried visit to the property. Mr. Baker, who was a guest at the Allan last night, said to a Miner representative, in reply to a query about the I. X. L.: "Yes, I hold the controlling interest in the I. X. L. I bought in about 1891 and have never parted with my interest. We spent ten or twelve thousand dollars in developing the property in the early days of the camp, but for about three years the mine lay idle, until June last, when we decided to commence work again. I have been very much pleased with the results so far obtained since we opened up again. There is plenty of capital behind the present development. We have just now over \$20,000 in the treasury and any further money that may be required will be forthcoming when necessary. No. 1 tunnel is now in 150 feet, number two 240 feet and number three over 300 feet, all in round numbers, but sufficiently close to be accurate approximately. At a point 300 feet in from the side of the hill in number three tunnel we are now crosscutting to strike the vein about the face of number two. This crosscut is now driven about 60 feet, and within the next 30 or 40 days at the furthest our superintendent expects to strike the ledge.

Upraising is also in progress from tunnel number two to tunnel number one. When this is completed it will give the mine much needed ventilation, and we can make better progress. We are working three shifts in the upraise and in tunnels one, two, and three, and will have three shifts at work in number three tunnel very shortly, employing in all 24 men. Our pay roll next month will be about \$2,500. The shipment of 25 tons of ore to Northport from the mine about a week ago turned out very satisfactory, as you know. We realized \$45 per ton in gold alone, and are well pleased with the return. A second shipment has been delayed somewhat by our not being able to obtain the necessary sacks. The lowest and most important work yet made. We mean to take full advantage of the rate offered by the Northport smelter of \$4.50 for freight and treatment. At the present time it costs us about half a dollar per ton to get the ore on the cars, but we are arranging with the Great Northern railway to run a spur in some 700 feet and we will probably be able to use the O. K. tramway when this is done. Yes, we figured out the cost of milling the ore, but we thought that at only about 75 per cent of the gold would be caught on the plates and as it would still be necessary to ship the concentrates to the smelter in any case, we would be saving money by shipping direct to the smelter in the first instance. I do not know of any lower rate than \$4.50 being given by any of the smelters. The rate should make a lot of difference to many of the Rossland mines and your list of shippers should be considerably increased in the near future. A rate of \$4.50 for freight and treatment is low enough for any mine in this country." Mr. Baker, who remembers the early days of the mine, when there was no camp and only a wilderness of trees and rocks, added that he had watched the rise and development of Rossland with keen interest and he predicted last night even a more permanent and prosperous future for the camp than some of our own people here do. Mr. Baker also alluded to the steady growth of the west in the last two years. He said as the largest real estate owner in Tacoma, he was naturally in close touch with the progress of that city and added that real estate was now on a very satisfactory basis there and money could be obtained on loan at 6 per cent, the same rate the borrowers were previously paying to the New York lenders. As Mr. Baker is in the banking business himself he is in a good position to speak of the business situation at the coast.

This morning Mr. Baker will visit the I. X. L. and at 11:25 he will leave for Spokane, returning here about the first of next month.

THE OKANOGAN.

Manager Edgcomb Reports Higher Grade Ore—More Gold Saved.

Word was received yesterday from the manager of the Okanogan Free Gold company, Mr. A. H. Edgcomb, that the ore at present being run through the company's mill is of a distinctly higher grade than that formerly crushed. More gold, Mr. Edgcomb reports, is now being saved every 12 hours than was saved in every 24 hours' run during the first month the mill was in operation. The shortness of wood used for fuel has hampered and delayed work a little, but this difficulty will be overcome in the next two or three days. Mr. S. Thornton Langley will reach the mine on Saturday next, when a full report will be sent out giving all details of the last strike made. Mr. Edgcomb says he is better pleased than ever with the appearance of the mine as development proceeds.

The acting secretary, Mr. Edward Baillie, is very busy getting the books of the company in shape for payment of the coming dividend, and owing to the delay of many shareholders in transferring their stock, he may not be able to have the cheques ready before Tuesday, the 17th inst.