

and is not of a very high grade, although, if Rossland reports speak true, it is much richer in the Number 4 level. The situation of the mine, overlooking as it does the Columbia River, is remarkably pretty, and the smelter and town of Trail can be seen in the distance about six miles away. The Company have studied the comfort of the employees by erecting commodious bunk houses and boarding establishment. The energetic manager of the B.A.C. in the Rossland camp, Mr. Edwin Durant, is pushing ahead with all rapidity the various improvements in the mines under his charge here, and it is safe to assert that the B.A.C. will exercise a potent influence on the future of this district.

Following are the ore shipments from the mines adjacent to Rossland from January 1 to September 17, 1898.

	Tons.
Le Roi.....	34,019
War Eagle.....	26,601
Centre Star.....	2,657
Poorman.....	453
Iron Mask.....	2,569
Cliff.....	140
Velvet.....	350
Monte Christo.....	416
Sunset No. 2.....	30
Deer Park.....	6
Giant.....	114
Total.....	67,255

The ore shipments from the seven days from September 10 to September 17, inclusive, established the following record:

War Eagle.....	1,412
Iron Mask.....	66
Le Roi.....	2,563
Total.....	4,043

The total shipments from the camp since January 1, 1897, aggregate 140,095 tons.

REVELSTOKE.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Reports from the scene of the operations of the French Creek Company in Big Bend continue to be most satisfactory, and it is estimated that the clean up will approximate \$100,000, and this, considering the short period the company has been at work, will be a remarkably good shewing. There are two other companies waiting the result of the French Creek people's work to go in on other leases in the vicinity with large hydraulic plants.

The Carnes Creek Consolidated is prosecuting work steadily on the Roseberry with excellent results. The ore is increasing in value as development proceeds, and as high a return as \$230.00 has recently been obtained from the pay streak. The shares of this company are nearly all held in Revelstoke, and the shareholders are naturally elated over the success of their venture. Negotiations are in progress which are likely to send the shares up in value very considerably.

The Adair group on Laforme Creek, about twenty miles north of town, is shewing up well under development. This group of claims presents one of the most remarkable surface shewings in North Kootenay. With development the ore, when exposed, is shewing up like that of the Roseberry, which is remarkable as carrying no copper at all and only a trace of silver.

At the Waverley the work of getting the machinery into place is still in progress. Col. Ansby is superintending operations. The company is going in for solid work without any fuss or sensationalism. They have a fine property, which, under judicious management will, no doubt, develop into a big thing.

There have been several mining men in town recently looking up properties in this vicinity and in the Lardeau, and several deals are being negotiated.

TROUT LAKE.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Reports from the Silver Cup mine, in this district, the property of the Sunshine, Limited, a subsidiary company of the Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited, are most favorable. During the last few months about 650 tons of ore have been shipped to smelters in the United States and to the Hall Mines smelter at Nelson, and such shipments have

produced (freight, treatment and duty charges deducted) about \$70,000. The last shipment returned as high as 225 ounces of silver to the ton, besides good values in gold and lead. Our correspondent advises us that there is now sacked at the property awaiting shipment about 160 tons of ore, of the same high grade quality as that previously sent forward, besides a very large quantity of concentrating ores on the dump of the value of about \$25.00 to the ton, which is held for future treatment. In addition there is a very large quantity of clean ore and concentrating ore in sight in the mine. We understand development work is now being vigorously prosecuted with a view to shewing up the ore bodies already exposed at further depth.

As the Sunshine, Limited, owns six other properties surrounding the Silver Cup, there is every prospect of its operations proving very successful.

NELSON.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Great excitement has been caused in this city by the recent discovery of gold on Rover Creek, some twelve or fourteen miles down the river, and many of the inhabitants have gone there in the hopes of making a fortune as easily as others have found wealth in the Klondike. As a matter of fact gold has been known to exist in all the creeks that assist to feed the Kootenay River, for many years, and while Rover Creek itself shows signs of old sluice boxes, etc., we can point to '49, Eagle, and a few more that have been pretty thoroughly prospected in the old days.

On Eagle Creek is the Poorman mine, lately transformed into a stock company, which has a good large stamp mill and has paid its owners very well ever since they first took hold of it, and on a branch of Rover Creek is still to be found machinery that was erected to work a gold bearing vein on the Whitewater claims, but was abandoned some years ago.

There is no doubt whatever about the existence of the "yellow metal" on the creek, but it may be difficult to extract it with profit. Fine weather for some weeks now has materially helped the prospectors all round here, and the results of so much searching and of such a mass of development work should be forthcoming in the course of the next month or so. Many new locations are being recorded daily, though of course all will not of necessity prove valuable, but the chances are that a good proportion will do so.

The Hall Mines smelter has been and still is busy with custom ores, as well as with that from their own mine, the Silver King, and it is not at all improbable that the lead stack will be blown in shortly, as several consignments of rich lead ore have been received at the works.

Speaking on this point it certainly does seem a pity that some arrangement cannot be made with our neighbors across the line whereby the smelting of lead ores can be made the profitable business in Kootenay that it should be, and it is sincerely to be hoped that the present more than usually friendly feeling between the two great nations may at least pave the way to the making of some bargain that will build up this local industry.

The other chief mines in this district are all in good shape, the Fern being busy erecting a cyanide plant, and the Athabasca putting in additional machinery. South of us, towards Ymir, great activity prevails; stamp mills, concentrators, tramways, and all such incidents to the mining business are being installed, so that the camp is a particularly lively one just now. Ainsworth also is very much more busy than it has been for the last year or two, several of the mines shipping ore steadily, and contracts being placed for a very considerable amount of tunnelling and shaft sinking, all of which incurs the expenditure of money. In short this season is showing up more hopeful properties, and so causing much higher expectations for the future than has been the case for some time. Long may it continue.

YMIR.

(From our own Correspondent.)

There is great activity at present in this camp owing to the great number of companies, syndicates and prospectors that are doing development work, and upon the average about two dozen pack animals a day leave the town laden with supplies from the different camps. The Ymir and Porto Reco companies are installing plants on their respective properties, and this furthermore gives employment to a large number of mechanics and laborers. Ymir is very wisely sending, under the capable charge of Mr. D. Cameron