

BOTH ARE WORKING.

New Plants of Homestake and Red Mountain in Operation.

CONDITION OF THE MINES

Homestake Shaft Is Down 90 Feet In Ore—A Big Tunnel Has Been Begun—Red Mountain Also Being Opened By a Tunnel.

The new machinery plant for the Homestake is now ready to be put in motion. It is one of the best arranged and most complete plants in Kootenay. It consists of a five drill compressor from the Ingersoll company, a hoist from the Dominion Wire Rope company and a pump from the Northey company, which, including the boilers, are under one large, substantial-looking building. The plans for both building and machinery are admirable.

Three drills will probably be run for the present. One of these will be put in the working shaft of the Homestake, and two will be put in the long tunnel to be run in from the Gopher ground to connect with the Homestake shaft. The working shaft of the Homestake is now down 90 feet. It will be continued to the 300-foot level at which depth it is expected the connection will be made with the tunnel to come in from the Gopher ground.

The entire 90 feet of the Homestake shaft is in ore. There is a drift on the vein at the 55-foot level 104 feet long and this went through an ore chute 40 feet long. It is not known how wide it is, as it has never been cross-cut. On the surface this same ore chute is eight feet wide. It is estimated that there are 1,000 tons of ore in this chute between the surface and the 55-foot level.

The shaft was sunk on the dip of the vein, and starts down at an incline of 45 degrees. At the 60-foot level it straightens up and becomes almost vertical. The shaft has now been timbered where necessary, and that in first class shape. The timbering is one of the best pieces of work ever done in the camp, and reflects great credit upon Manager Haslins and his miners.

The Homestake is now a well equipped mine, with plenty of pay ore in sight, and we may expect it to become a producer in a very short time.

THE RED MOUNTAIN.

Tunnel Seems to Be Approaching a New Vein.

The Red Mountain compressor plant got under way Monday. It is from the Hand Drill company and is a very substantial piece of machinery. There was some friction in starting up yesterday but no more than is ordinarily observed in a new plant. The compressor building is situated near the south end of the Red Mountain property and a little north of the War Eagle ground. It requires 850 feet of pipe to convey the air up to the working tunnel. A drill was put to work in the face of

the tunnel yesterday and worked perfectly from the start. One drill only will be run for the present. The tunnel, now in 235 feet, will be continued to cut what is known as the north vein. To do this it will probably have to be extended 190 feet further. Water is now flowing in from the face and there are indications of a ledge being near at hand. This is not surprising as there are surface showings of a ledge in this neighborhood.

The north vein will be cut at a point nearly 100 feet east of the shaft. A drift will then be run on the vein to a point under the shaft and an upraise made for connection. The shaft will not be sunk any further for the reason it is much cheaper to make an upraise than to sink. A drift is being run west from the shaft and is now about 20 feet long. The ore body is shown to be fully two feet wide and is improving in grade. The last assay made showed 19 per cent copper. It is probably the richest and most beautiful copper ore ever seen in the camp. The Red Mountain is now supplied with all the machinery necessary for its rapid and complete development.

PLANS ARE COMPLETE.

Bank of B.N.A. Will Have Its Building Finished April 1.

The plans for the new building of the Bank of British North America have been completed and work on the building will begin before the first of the year. It will occupy the lot next to Martin Bros.' hardware store, right across Columbia avenue from the post-office. The contract calls for the completion of the building before April 1, just a year from the day when the bank opened its branch in Rossland.

The building will be a frame structure, two stories in height, with a highly ornate front. The entire lower floor, 30x66, will be devoted to the office of the bank. The interior fittings will be of native woods worked into highly artistic panels. Besides a private office for the manager there will be accommodation for four clerks and a messenger. The second floor will contain the living quarters of the staff and will be divided into a large sitting room, four bed rooms and a bath room. The building will be one of the handiwork in all respects in the town and thoroughly in keeping with the dignity of the institution which is erecting it.

APPOINTMENTS GAZETTED.

McLellan For Lieut-Governor of New Brunswick—Forin for Judge.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 12.—The following appointments were gazetted today: J.E. Bedard, of Quebec, to be commissioner to inquire into certain charges of fraudulent conduct preferred against Emile Duke, contractor to supply lumber on the I. C. R.; John A. Forin, Rossland, to be county judge of Kootenay; Timothy Burke of St. John to be commissioner to administer oaths to the inland revenue outside service; Hugh O'Leary of Lindsay, commissioner to investigate the charges preferred against Indian Agent D. J. McPhee of Ramas.

The Hon. A. McLellan was gazetted lieutenant-governor of New Brunswick and the clerk of the privy council has gone to St. John's to administer the oath of office.

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DESCRIPTION.

The Mascot is situated on Columbia mountain, and adjoins the famous Kootenay mine. Work done: 100 of tunnel, the whole face of tunnel in ore; 30 foot shaft, five feet of ore in bottom of same. Two strong veins on the claim, with good grade ore like the Kootenay mine. The Mascot is the most promising mine for the work done in the Trail district. Buildings, roads and trails all completed.

The Southern Belle is located on Red moun-

tain, and adjoins the Cliff and View mines. Has a shaft 50 feet deep, and about 2½ feet of good ore. Assays taken were \$35 to the ton and as high as 20 per cent in copper, one of the best copper ores in the camp. Has numerous open cuts and two short tunnels.

The Snowshoe adjoins the Southern Belle and the Northern Belle. It has a tunnel 60 feet long, shaft 20 feet deep, good surface showing and ore

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GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

The Laurier government has chased the Baie des Chaleurs and made it a part of the Intercoastal system. This may be one of those which indicate which way the wind is blowing and we trust it is. Shows an indication that the Laurier government is in favor of the state owning and controlling the public highways, and have an important bearing on the matter to be pursued by the government in relation to the proposed Crow's Nest railway.

The MINER has long felt that it is imperative if the Crow's Nest Pass is to be of real benefit to the people of Canada that it should be under government control, and control by the government can never be completely exercised unless the government builds and operates the road.

The Intercolonial railway has not been a success financially under the administration of the conservative government but that is no reason that it cannot be profitably operated by a government which is not utterly under the thumb of the C. P. as the late government undoubtedly was. But even under the conditions which have existed since its construction we are inclined to the belief that the colonial has been a pronounced success in the broadest sense of the word. We venture the assertion that few patrons would be content to see it operated by any other than the government despite its shortcomings in the past.

As the government of Canada has fit to assume the construction and operation of a railway connecting the maritime provinces with that which is equally the duty of the government to build and operate the national highway through the mountains connecting the fertile mining districts of Kootenay. We are doing two of the principal links in the chain destined to rivet all parts of the Dominion in one homogeneous whole would be successfully cast.

There is another aspect of this question which seems to us to compel government to this policy. With the Crow's Nest Pass railway assured people of Kootenay a cheap supply of fuel all the expense of its construction will have been vain. The great fields of East Kootenay have been served to a syndicate of local sharks, headed by the Hon. Col. provincial minister of mines. This syndicate can only acquire title to coal fields by building the Crow's Nest Pass railway. Were the Dominion government to build the railway it would forever prevent this syndicate from acquiring title to these coal fields, an accomplishment of this object would be ultimately worth to the entire cost of the railway.

With the Dunsmuir controlling the Columbia's coal fields on the coast and Col. Baker's syndicate controlling the Crow's Nest coal fields on the mountains of Kootenay would be between the upper and nether millstones. The Crow's Nest Pass railway built, owned and operated by the Dominion government.

OUR CABINET REPRESENTATIVE

Rossland is proud to have had the opportunity so early in her career of being entertained so distinguished a man as the Hon. A. G. Blair, member of the cabinet and well as a source of the district as well as a man who has shown great readiness to appreciate both. We, therefore, feel that Mr. Blair's visit marks an epoch in the little importance in Rossland's history and that in the privy council and in the house we should in future be represented by a cabinet minister. We trust Mr. Blair may be able to pay us another visit in another year on the occasion of an all-rail line from eastern Canada through the Crow's Nest Pass.

THE CHINESE QUESTION

Ex-Alderman Hewitt of Toronto has been in Rossland and British Columbia we don't know how many times took occasion at the banquet last evening in proposing the toast of "Our Cousins" to pledge himself as Blair as being opposed to legislation which would exclude Chinese from Canada. We regret that this matter has been brought up at this time as confident Mr. Blair will change his mind if he has any, on the Chinese question when he comes to study it in first hand. We take this opportunity however, of assuring him that on this question Hewitt represents very few in Rossland or Kootenay except himself. Mr. Blair and his administration have decided to champion the Chinese cause and rest assured that the building of the Crow's Nest Pass railway through the Crow's Nest would not suffice to elect a single member from this province at the next election. Mr. Blair will hear more of the Chinese when he gets to the coast.

A Boundary correspondent in a private letter that Mr. Heinze has up the forfeit of \$50,000 for the C. P. of the Columbia and Westway to Penticton.

Our London correspondent has a very shrewd guess as to what matter has been kept very quiet but we have reason to believe that money is to be used in the manner indicated.