

OUR WORKING MINES

The Buckeye Under Development, With a Good Showing.

DEER PARK STOCKS UP

Great Increase in Number of Tons Shipped This Year Over the Corresponding Period of Last Year.—Progress in the Camp.

(From Sunday's Daily.) The strike on the Deer Park and the remarkable assays was the principal feature of the week, and sent the stock up as high as 15 cents in Spokane. There was a lively demand for it yesterday and the wires were kept hot in efforts to gain control of holdings of non-residents.

The operations of the War Eagle mine have also been a matter of comment, and by July 1, according to Mr. Black, stock, the mine will be in shape to ship 200 tons of ore daily, or 6,000 tons a month, all of which will go to the Trail smelter.

Another property which is added to the working list this week is the Buckeye, about three miles from Rossland, on the road to Trail. It is being developed by the Buckeye Mining company, of which C. L. N. Hayward is manager.

The Deer Park. The event of the week was the strike in the Deer Park. A drift was started a day or two since from the 150-foot level, and in this drift some bunches of very high grade ore were encountered when the drift had been driven a distance of 12 feet. This high grade ore assayed \$270 in gold, 250 ounces in silver and a high percentage of copper, so as to bring up the total to \$500. The same ore body has been encountered in the drift that was a short time ago started from the 200-foot level.

The shaft is down about 15 feet, and masses of solid ore have been encountered, together with some highly mineralized quartz, with splendid showings of copper. The excellent showings resulting from the strike a few weeks ago are still being encountered. Men are drifting south in the vein. The tunnel is in nearly 900 feet. On the Cliff, stoping is in progress and considerable ore is ready for shipment, but the property is almost inaccessible because of the bad roads. Nothing of particular note marked the programme on the Coxye the past week. The usual progress was made in the tunnel, which still continues in ore. Sinking is in progress, and arrangements are being made for extensive development. A force of men is at work on the tunnel, in which there is a good showing.

Emil Voight, who is in charge of the very extensive work on the Good Friday, a day or two since, while tracing the lead on that claim, followed it into the ground of the Good Hope for a considerable distance. O'Brien Reddin, superintendent of the Good Hope, visited the new surface find yesterday, and reports that there is six feet of a vein that is heavily mineralized right on the surface. He is so well pleased with the find that he has decided to put a force of 10 men at work on Monday stripping the ledge for the purpose of ascertaining the best place at which to sink a shaft. The find is regarded as an important one by those who know that section, as the Good Friday lead is a strong and well defined one.

The force has been increased on the Iron Mask to 35 men, who are working in four different places in crosscutting and tunneling. The company has also been locating the new engine, which will be ready to run this week. The company takes its power from the War Eagle, as the two properties connect, and just as soon as the War Eagle's new machinery and electric plant is installed the Iron Mask will have more power and additional men. Eighty tons of ore were shipped last week to the Northport smelter.

In the Le Roi some splendid ore is being encountered in the 600-foot west drift, and the shaft is now down about 725 feet. It is not likely that the Le Roi will use electricity in the operation of its mine for some time, as much expense will be involved in changing from the present complete system. A 300-light plant will be installed in a few days, however, for lighting the offices and other buildings connected with the property.

Work on the Sunset No. 2 during the past week was confined to the lower level, drifting east and west on the vein from the shaft. The entire workings are in well mineralized rock and bear every indication of cutting into an ore chute within a few feet. Additional hoisting appliances have been added, and sinking will be continued as soon as the east and west drifts reach a point distant from the shaft to enable work to be resumed at that point.

At the War Eagle great preparations are being made for stoping. Two places are now ready and 2,000 tons of ore have been broken in them. Six other places are being put in shape. New machinery will be added, so that the output will soon be about 200 tons per day. Two cars of ore were shipped over the Red Mountain road last week to Nelson, where it is to be used for fluxing.

The shaft on the Big Four group, west of the city has attained a depth of 26 feet. There is a pay streak of 25 inches, that assays \$425 to the ton. As soon as the snow goes off, the intention is to run a tunnel along the vein. The ore is being sorted as fast as it is being taken out, and the intention is to ship it to the smelter. The sole owner of this property is James Lawler.

Tunneling is being pushed with all possible speed, and it is hoped to have the property in such shape as to be ready for shipment of ore as soon as the roads are improved.

Work on this property is being devoted entirely to straightening the shaft, in order that the property will be in condition for development under Mr. Carlyle.

The Velvet. Forty-five men are at work on the Velvet. Ore continues in fine quality, but no further shipments have been made for the reason that the bad condition of the roads make it impossible to rawhide.

The Red Point. Two shifts are engaged on the Red Point and the tunnel is in nearly 450 feet. A heavy pyrrhotite ore has been encountered, and indications are that very little additional work will be required to tap the ledge.

The Good Friday. Six tunnels are being driven, and all show the richest kind of ore. The property is controlled by a foreign syndicate, which proposes to push development vigorously the coming spring.

The Poorman. No ore shipments were made last week, and active development of the property is not likely to be prosecuted until the arrival of Mr. Carlyle of the B. A. C.

The Sovereign. Work has temporarily been suspended on the shaft, owing to the water, but is being vigorously pushed in the tunnel, where a body of high grade copper ore is exposed.

The Buckeye. The shaft is down about 15 feet, and masses of solid ore have been encountered, together with some highly mineralized quartz, with splendid showings of copper.

The Jumbo. The excellent showings resulting from the strike a few weeks ago are still being encountered. Men are drifting south in the vein. The tunnel is in nearly 900 feet.

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The Great Western. Sinking is in progress, and arrangements are being made for extensive development.

The Mountain View. A force of men is at work on the tunnel, in which there is a good showing.

Zio Bedest. Two shifts are engaged in the extension of the tunnel.

The Abe Lincoln. Sinking continues in well mineralized rock.

POORMAN STOCK. The B. A. C. has a Controlling Interest in the Poorman Property. Writing from Tacoma, Wash., a subscriber to THE MINER says: "I understand a controlling interest in the Poorman has been bought by the B. A. C. Please inform me if it includes the assets, and what the position of the minority shareholders is."

In reply to this, and other queries, Vice-President Zeigler of the Poorman company has caused the following statement to be published: "The stock books of the company show no transfers of stock to the British America corporation, and while it is admitted that the corporation, through their brokers, have secured 115,000 of the 500,000 shares at which the company is capitalized, this still leaves a balance outstanding of 285,000 shares. One thing, however, I can assure you," he continued, "and that is, no change whatever has been made in the management, and I hardly anticipate that any will be made."

In relation to the above, it is ascertained from an official source that the British America corporation, through Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, has acquired sufficient shares of Poorman stock to which it will no doubt exercise its interest to do so. It is sufficient to say that the company has the stock and that it will have it transferred on the books of the Poorman company in their own good time.

The shareholders at this day stand in precisely the same position as they did before. If at any time the purchasers decide to exercise their control, the minority shareholders will receive their restata.

RETAKE ANOTHER'S CLAIM. Hearing in the Case of D. A. Darrow, Charged With Perjury. The case of D. A. Darrow, charged with perjury in swearing to the location of a mineral claim, was before Magistrate Jordan Friday, but as the evidence is not all in, the case was continued until Saturday morning.

The testimony showed that William Cavanaugh staked the Lucknow claim on March 18, 1897, as agent for Thomas Corrigan, and recorded it March 31, 1897, which leaves the claim still alive. Darrow, in company with some others, staked several claims in the same vicinity and sold them. The supposition was that Corrigan had left the country, and as little more than a month would intervene before the Lucknow lapsed, he restaked that by simply blazing off the old stakes and posting the notice under the name of the Maine. He then came to town and sold the Maine to one Monier.

It transpired, however, that Corrigan had sold the Lucknow to Miss Hudson and another buyer, and they sent a man out to do the assessment work. Then it was found that the Lucknow stakes had been changed to do service for the Maine stakes, and Darrow was taken into custody on the charge of perjury in recording the Maine, and swearing that the boundaries of the claim were unoccupied at that time. The case will be continued this morning.

The Appeal Has Been Dismissed. VICTORIA, March 18.—The appeal in the case of the C. P. R. vs. McBryan has been dismissed with costs by the full court. This was one of the suits arising out of damage to the railway line by irrigation processes.

CANADIAN TRADE

Action of the Board of Trade on the K. R. V. Charter.

SAFEGUARD AS TO RATES

The Miner's Suggestion For the Protection of Rossland's Business Interests Is Strongly Advocated by the Board of Trade.

The board of trade, at its meeting Saturday, re-elected the officers as follows: J. B. McArthur, president; J. S. C. Fraser, vice-president, and John McKane, secretary. The fact that Mr. Fraser telegraphed from Toronto, emphatically declining to accept the presidency, left the field clear to Mr. McArthur, and no other nominations being made, his election was unanimous.

The members of the council are: Messrs. Lalonde, Durant, Smith, Clute, Bogle, Ritchie, Goodeve, Rolt, Martin, Woodhouse, Oliver, McLeod, Bowers, McRea and Dunn. New members elected were Messrs. Pringle, Corbin, Boulbee and J. B. Coombs.

The secretary's report showed a cash balance of \$34.36 in addition to which fees amounting to more than \$200 were paid in.

President McArthur, submitted a report concerning his visit to Victoria, after the reading of which James Martin moved that a general expression of thanks be tendered for the services rendered, to which Mr. McArthur made reply.

Attention was called by Mr. Rolt to two recent articles in the British Columbia Review, attacking the operations of the British America corporation in this country, and the articles emanated from the board of trade at that place be asked to interest itself in having the correspondence confined to facts. Mr. Oliver, on behalf of the Bank of British North America, heartily indorsed Mr. Rolt's remarks, as one of the directors of his bank was also a member of B. A. C., and the company was in a position to do much or little for this section. The matter was referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. Rolt, Bogle and McArthur, with power to act.

The most important matter before the meeting was the presentation of a resolution by A. S. Goodeve, in reference to the Kettle River Valley railway, which was unanimously adopted after Mr. Nelson's contention that such charter should be surrounded with proper safeguards as to freight rates, had been embodied. The resolution read as follows:

"In view of the opposition of the boards of trade of Victoria and Vancouver in relation to the granting of a charter to the Kettle River Valley railway, this board desires to reiterate its former position in the matter, and to urge upon the Dominion parliament that none of the reasons that have been put forward against the chartering of the railway should be allowed to stand in the way of the opening up of the great Boundary district, which would be done by the construction of the railway in question, and the secretary of this board forward by telegram a copy of this resolution to the minister of railways and to the member at Ottawa, Hon. Hewitt Bostock."

Mr. Rolt called attention to the fact that THE MINER has cited certain facts in relation to rates injurious to the business interests of Rossland's merchants, and urged that there should be such rates as not to discriminate in favor of one point as against another and moved, therefore, that a clause be inserted in the chartering of the railway, to the effect that the rates should be inserted. This was strongly advocated by J. F. McKee, Olive Pringle and others.

Mr. Goodeve strongly advocated the resolution and readily accepted the amendment. Mr. Martin was satisfied that the opposition to the road was simply to preserve the country to the C. P. R., and it was generally accepted that the V. Y. & E. charter, accompanied by a subsidy, if granted, would simply be sold to Mackenzie & Mann or to the C. P. R. direct.

J. A. Smith advocated immediate action and was satisfied that if the road were not built now, it would not be for five years, while Mr. Lalonde called attention to the benefits of competition and gave a forcible illustration on the reduction of freight rates in connection with his own business during the past year.

C. O'Brien Reddin, Richard Marsh and others spoke in support of the resolution which was adopted unanimously. Copies will be forwarded to Ottawa, as directed.

OUTFITTED AT VICTORIA. Three Hundred and Fifty Gold Hunters Start For the North. VICTORIA, March 19.—This morning the Victoria steamer Islander sailed for Skagway, Juneau and Wrangell with a large army of treasure seekers, who will number, after those awaiting her at Vancouver have embarked, 350. Her hold and her decks were crowded with freight.

Among the passengers were many parties from all parts of the United States and Canada, nearly all of whom outfit here. One party, numbering 34, from Michigan, who go north under Dr. Gilchrist, took up outfits valued at over \$600 each. By buying these here, the leader said, an immense saving was made by his party. Prior to placing his orders he made a tour of United States coast cities inquiring into prices.

Ladies Play Hockey. At the Palace skating rink Saturday was a very interesting hockey match played by young ladies. The two teams under the name of Rossland and Victoria were made up as follows: Rossland—The Misses McCreary, Herkamer, Whitney, De Voyn and Townsend. Victoria—The Misses Harris, Inches, Ruff, Harris and McCreary. The Victoria team won by a score of 9 to 2.

Final Payment Made on C. & K. The final payment on the purchase by the British America corporation of the Columbia & Kootenay mines was made in Chicago Saturday, when the sum of \$200,000 was turned over to the original owners, and the transaction closed. The B. A. C. takes possession tomorrow. Nothing toward the operation of the mine will be done until the arrival of Mr. Carlyle.

\$5,000 NOT ENOUGH.

The Law Society Recommends a \$10,000 Court-house. The Rossland Bar association, at a meeting held early in the week, passed a resolution to the effect that the sum of \$5,000 was inadequate for the purpose of erecting a courthouse. In the opinion of the members that sum should at least be doubled. The idea of the members was that a stone building be erected, so that it would be lasting and also fire-proof. The contention was that there is plenty of building stone available in this vicinity and that a comfortable structure could be erected at a small advance over the cost of wood. The association also recommended the appointment of T. Mayne Daly as one of the benchers of the Law society, so that this city might be properly represented.

Supreme Court Sitting Postponed. There was to have been a special sitting of the supreme court in this city on the 21st inst., with Justice Irving presiding, for the purpose of hearing certain matters in relation to the O. K. mine, which is in the hands of Richard Plewman as liquidator. The parties at interest were notified to appear, and now the announcement is made that the sitting will not be held for the reason that Justice Irving was a member of the firm of Bodwell & Irving & Dauff, which firm was the legal manager of some of the creditors of the O. K. Mining company. For this reason he is incapacitated from sitting in any cases that concern the O. K. This will delay the hearing for a month, perhaps.

Hotel Arrivals. The following were the arrivals at the International hotel, Greenwood, during the past week: N. Darling, Vancouver; L. Marks, Victoria; Miss McMillan, Mother Lode; Misses Etta and Mamie McDonald, R. W. McFarlane, J. H. McFarlane, S. Moulton Barrett, Charles Collins, E. Jacobs, J. H. Van Nest, Grand manager; J. F. Hemenway, Old Ironsides; E. Lank, Spokane; D. J. Douglas, Toronto; James Clark, Northport; R. Cunningham, Wallace; James Price, Rossland; Dunk Campbell, Boundary City.

New Officers Chosen. J. W. Boyd, manager of the New York & Kootenay company, has returned from a two months' trip to New York and other eastern cities. He says the deepest interest is shown by business men of the east in the mineral development of this country, and confidence in a great future for British Columbia is evidenced by the generous subscriptions to mining operations. While Mr. Boyd was in New York the company held its annual meeting, and selected the following officers: G. A. McGloin, New York, president; J. W. Boyd, Rossland, vice-president; Charles E. Gedney, New York, secretary-treasurer. These officials, together with J. M. Hill and E. Herrick of New York, make up the board of directors.

The Porto Rico. Henry Kehoe, superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Exploration company, has just returned from the Porto Rico mine, bringing samples from the face of No. 3 tunnel. A sample of this is displayed in the window of THE MINER office, and assays \$550. The lower tunnel is now in about 325 feet, and the two upper tunnels have been extended about the same distance but are not at present being worked.

Bank of Montreal Block. There is reason to believe that the Bank of Montreal will shortly commence the construction of a handsome three-story stone and brick building on the northeast corner of Washington street and Columbia avenue. The plans for the building have been drawn and were taken to Montreal by Manager Fraser of the Rossland mine when he went east a few days ago.

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