

RICHES OF THE SIMILKAMEEN

The Latent Wealth of the District Described by a Visitor.

Only Means of Transportation Needed for Development.

There is possibly no mining section of this province which is attracting more of the attention of the community at the present moment than the Similkameen district. Almost everyone knows it is a district containing large and rich deposits of mineral, but excepting those who have investigated its resources, few outsiders have more than the vaguest idea of the important rank it will in the future assume in the output of wealth for the province.

The writer has been a resident and taken an active part in mining on the most celebrated of the Australasian and South African gold and mineral fields, as well as this province, and has had opportunities of closely following and watching the development and growth of some of the greatest mines from their inception in those colonies; but after an 18 months' stay in various parts of the Similkameen and studying its ore deposits, he is left in wonder as to how it is that a district like this should have lain so long practically dormant and without the necessary railroad to open it up. He fails to remember any gold field which held greater promise and scope in its very infancy than this country does today. Had a like opportunity existed in South Africa or Australasia the enterprise would have pushed this country rapidly to the fore-front. The conditions for carrying on mining work are perfect. Timber and water are abundant and the values and immensity of the ore bodies leaves nothing further to be desired. The requirements for treatment are also present, the ores in many cases being self-fluxing and the coal supply unlimited.

One of the most interesting trips to be taken from a mining point of view through that country, is to follow the Keremeos creek to its source and cross the divide, where Twenty-Mile creek takes its rise. On both sides of Keremeos creek on the way up one can view numerous claims which are entirely unworked and the coal supply unlimited. The majority of these claims are owned and held by the horny-handed prospector who is little given to booming, but who quietly awaits the progress of events to bring the country to the front before rearing in the shakels as the reward of his arduous labors. The latest strike of importance made on the lower part of Keremeos creek is on what is locally known as Mount Zion. Until lately it was thought to be outside of the best mineral belt, but the work done recently by the prospectors has shown up an immense contact vein about 70 feet wide, heavily charged with copper sulphide and arsenical iron and carrying high gold values, to cut sheer through the mountain. It has been visited by a large number of people and they unanimously pronounce it to be a development of utmost importance to the camp. A wagon road is to be built from the vicinity of Mount Zion which is to connect with the Nickel Plate-Penticton road, an appropriation having been allowed by the government for that purpose.

One can travel with comfort and ease from this point to the head of Keremeos creek, where few visitors to the Similkameen have penetrated up to the present, as they generally follow the river, and in doing so they miss one of the best portions of the Twenty-Mile and Keremeos camps. When the importance of this summit becomes better known the greatest proportion of travel will be made this way. Some of the most promising showings to be seen here are on the Hoodon mountain, Division Summit, Yunimian mountain, Apex Summit. The former is a deposit of copper sulphide of great extent and has all the ear marks of becoming a great mine; this has just lately been bonded to a powerful New York syndicate. Dividend mountain carries pyrrhotite ore in large bodies and good values. The ore in Yunimian camp is chiefly magnetite carrying free gold, and the principal group, owned by Mr. Bullock Webster, is now being developed with English money. The Apex Summit has large and high grade prospects of copper sulphides and arsenical iron, and the immense contact vein which characterizes it outcrops through the country and surfaces for many miles in its course. The Nickel Plate mines are distant some three or four miles from Apex Summit, and although the management endeavor to keep secret the value of their holdings and refuse admittance to visitors, still an inkling of the facts leak out now and again from miners employed there, which leads one to strongly suspect that it is a group possessing more than ordinary merit. The management are so conservative in their secrecy that they have been known in many cases to sink shafts and drive tunnels to crosscut and find the value of their veins and then fill up their work so that no intruding visitor might share with them the secret of their property's value.

Surrounding the Nickel Plate one can find an illustration of the fact that good mines like good people are very often found in company, and a visit to the properties owned by Peter Scott, Geo. Cahill, Yates, Arundell and others will bear out this statement. Some of the claims held by Mr. Scott have lately been bonded for large figures and the work which is being done by the bondholders reveals what was beyond their expectations. The Twenty-Mile is receiving a great deal of attention at the present moment from experts traveling through the country and judging from the number of properties which are being bonded, few individual prospectors will remain by the end of summer but what have sold their holdings.

The portion of the Similkameen referred to here is but a small part of what there is to be seen. For about 100 miles in length and 50 miles in breadth one can get evidence from the numerous camps scattered over this great extent that there is to be a prosperous time when the freight-laden trains commence to run and smelters light their fires.

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THE B. A. C. IN LIQUIDATION

Stormy Meeting of Shareholders in London Yesterday.

No Hindrance to Local Mine Work Likely to be Caused.

London, June 3.—The shareholders of the British America Corporation agreed to go into voluntary liquidation. The corporation was closely affiliated with the London and Globe Finance Corporation, Limited, whose suspension in December last caused so much excitement on the Stock Exchange. Lord Dufferin was a director of the British America as well as of the London and Globe Finance Corporation.

The meeting today was one of the stormiest held. When the chairman said that owing entirely to the London and Globe's default, the British America Corporation could not continue business, he was assailed with all kinds of hostile demonstrations, and cries of "the same old game," and "are you not ashamed to face us?"

Mr. Whitaker Wright's explanation met with an equally hostile reception. The uproar continued during the whole meeting.

So far as can be learned here the liquidation of the British America Corporation will not in any way affect the Rossland mines any more than would be the case if any holder of a few thousand shares in the big Rossland mines went into liquidation. Mr. MacDonald was asked last night as to this point, and replied that the management of the Rossland Great Western company and the properties affiliated would not be interfered with. The B. A. C. relinquished its functions in this camp over six months ago, and so far as can be ascertained the corporation's holdings in the mines here consist of comparatively small blocks of stock.

NO LOCAL EFFECT.

NO CERTAIN INDICATION OF A SETTLEMENT YET IN SIGHT.

Northport, Wash., June 3.—The citizens' committee and a delegation of 25 union men met Manager Kadish at his request at his office on Sunday, where and when he was expected to make a full statement as to what he would and would not do. His statements were substantially as follows: He would take some of the union men back, but reserved the sole right to take back and discharge whom he pleased. He thereby left the gateway open for discrimination and thereby provided a way for the discharge of the officers and representative members, as is feared, for the purpose of stamping out the union. The union then offered to submit every question involved to arbitration. At first the proposition was accepted, but before the delegation left he refused to do so. On Monday morning the citizens' committee, a committee of two from the union and Manager Kadish met at Mr. Savage's private office, when the union presented a draft of an agreement to submit all questions to arbitration, which the citizens' committee pronounced very fair and beyond objection. Mr. Kadish wished to present the matter to Mr. MacDonald at Rossland and time was taken for that purpose. Later in the day the committee re-assembled, when Manager Kadish refused the proposition by refusing to accede to the main feature

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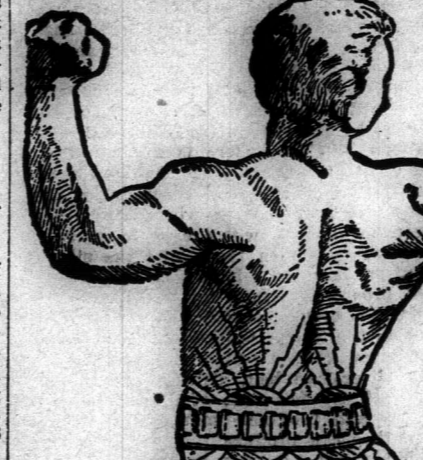
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