

down the Columbia to some point between Waterloo and Murphy Creek, where they will cross the river, and be carried across country to Rossland, where a central power station will be erected at some convenient point, probably near the entrance of Centre Star Gulch. Work is already proceeding in the preparation of the mill-site, and contracts have been called for for the clearing of the right-of-way for the wire, so that if the work is carried on with the energy promised, the plant should be in operation before the winter. The economy and varied applications of this power are such that we may safely look to the successful carrying out of this big scheme as one of the most important factors in the economic future of the camp.

The transfer of the Homestake group of claims, of which mention was made last month, was ratified at the meeting of the several companies, so that we may expect operations to be resumed shortly, with every expectation of another producer in the near future.

Since the Monte Christo was taken over by the Colonna people, work has been energetically carried on, and some excellent results have been attained. Very little ore is being taken out, however, as it is the intention of the management to follow out the policy of the Centre Star and develop the ground thoroughly before beginning to stope or ship.

The control of the Evening Star mine, which lies above the Monte Christo and Colonna, on the summit of Monte Christo mountain, has passed into the hands of an eastern company. H.B. Nichols has been appointed manager, and the work is being carried on energetically.

Mr. Mulholland, one of the principal owners of the Deer Park, which has been shut down for some time, has recently returned from the east, and announces that the company has been reorganized and taken over by a Toronto syndicate. Details are wanting, but it is expected that work will be resumed under the new management in thirty or sixty days at the outside.

Recent developments in the Columbia and Kootenay have been very gratifying. An ore chute over twenty feet wide has been opened and very practical evidence of the improvement of the property shown by the increase of the shipments from thirty to forty tons per week to 180 tons per week. There is every reason to hope that the next few months' work will make this mine one of the largest shippers in the camp.

The recent increase in the shipments of ore from this camp has gone far to strengthen the faith of the doubters who, strange to say, can still be found. For several weeks the shipments have run over 2,000 tons per week, or over 100,000 tons per year, an exceptional showing for the stage of development of the camp.

The stock market continues practically dead, and while this is causing a good deal of dissatisfaction in many quarters, it is having a good effect by causing more work to be done in the mines and less on paper. As a consequence there is more honest development work being done now than at any other time, with the result that Rossland is continuing to hold the attention of the sound mining operators of the great financial centres of the world. The interest of the English market continues to increase, and is being watched carefully, the more so the more fully it is realized that the stage of the three cent shares is over and that the English market presents the soundest, surest, and indeed, almost the only source from which we can hope to obtain the capital needed for the

speedy development we all hope to have. At the same time the interest is still to a certain extent tentative, and no big movement at all comparable with the operations in Australia or South Africa will take place until actual returns and good ones have been obtained by the English Companies already operating here.

W. H. Corbould, general manager of the Canadian Pacific Exploration Company, has bonded the Hillside and the No. 1 claims adjoining the Exchequer mine on Toad mountain, near Nelson. The price is \$12,000 for the Hillside, and \$10,000 for the No. 1. They also adjoin the Alaska and Golden which were purchased by Mr. Corbould last fall. The ore is free milling and is said to have returned an average of \$120 per ton, with specimens over \$1,000.

W. A. Carlyle, the Provincial Mineralogist, was in town for a few days on his way from the Boundary Country to the Lardeau. He expressed himself as well pleased with what he saw there, and appears to regard the section as one of great promise. When in town he was entertained to a banquet in company with Lieutenant-Governor Dewdney of British Columbia and Lieutenant-Governor MacIntosh of the North-West Territories. D. M. WATTERS.

Revelstoke.

ONE of the most noticeable features of this season's operations has been the manner in which the Fish Creek country has come to the front. This creek heads a few miles south of Illicillewaet, on the C.P.R., and runs into the head of the north-east arm of Arrow Lake. It has several tributaries, of which Pool Creek, Lexington Creek and McDugal Creek are the most active this year. J. E. Boss has had a party working on the Hunter and Trapper, for a Spokane firm. Clark & Sweeny, and another American Company are opening up the Black Bear. Reamy & Downing are busy on the Mohawk, a new location with splendid surface showings. A number of new claims have been staked on McDugal, Pool and Lexington, and the whole country is alive with prospectors. Ninety claims were recorded at the Lardeau office in June. It must be remembered that the Lardeau official and the Lardeau popular are two entirely distinct affairs. The Fish Creek prospector records at the Lardeau office, which is the only place of business left on the abandoned townsite of the boom city of Lardeau. The Lardeau miner records at Trout Lake City.

The Great Western Co. are actively prosecuting their operations in No. 2 tunnel on their claim, with very satisfactory results. They have now a quantity of concentrating ore on the dump. The Company held a meeting here on July 15th. The directors are all either practical mining men or substantial and responsible individuals, and the prospects of the Company are bright. They have already had an offer from a firm to erect a custom concentrator at the mine, but prefer to wait and put one up themselves.

The Lanark still continues shipping its daily car-load of concentrates to San Francisco.

John C. Ferguson, M.E., and W. M. McKinnon went up to Ground Hog Basin at the head of McCullough Creek in the Big Bend to lay out the work on several properties which they bonded last fall. The French Creek Hydraulic Co. have forty men at work on their flume which will be over two miles long. Prof. Nason is prospecting the bed rock on the claims owned by the Missouri and Kansas City Co. with a view to putting in a bed rock flume