

## SHOAL BAY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

During the past month this district has been inundated with mining experts, much to the advantage of the district, for since the closing down of the Dorothea Morton capitalists have fought shy of this part of the Coast. But now, at last, a party has been found enterprising and energetic enough to bond two properties here, and to commence work on same. They are the Shoo Fly and Nellie C mineral claims situated at the head of Fanny Bay. The former is being worked for iron, the latter for copper and gold, and both have excellent showings. For the benefit of those who may be wishing to obtain claims with really good showings at reasonable figures, I may mention two claims on Discovery Passage, the Camp and Hard Cash mineral claims, on both of which work has been done with good results, the leads increasing in size with depth, and I understand the values also.

News has just reached me that the B. C. Exploration Co. are very hopeful for the Colossus M. C. one of their properties in Estero Basin, on which several thousand feet of tunneling has been done. Should this property turn out well, the district will boom.

## YMIK.

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Two strikes, the importance of which can hardly be over-estimated, have just been made at the Ymir mine and go far to place that property amongst the richest mines of the world. Twenty-six feet of forty-dollar ore is now exposed on the No. 4 level of the Ymir, and when it is remembered that the large profits already earned by the company, have all been won from ore averaging less than \$9 per ton, it will be readily recognized that the strike increases the value of the mine in a quite sensational manner. Indeed it can be said today that the ore body now exposed in the Ymir mine is of such dimensions and richness, and has been developed in such a thorough manner that it represents an actual value which is unsurpassed by any mine in the Province, while it is moreover in the hands of an English company, one of the few operating in the Province whose finances are properly administered.

The strike was made on the No. 4 level, just west of the dyke which intervenes in this and all the upper levels. Before reaching this dyke on the No. 4, the ore was of much the same width and value as in the levels above, but as soon as the dyke was passed it was found that the shoot had widened out considerably while the value had materially increased. After the shoot had been crossed for fifteen feet, a mine-car sample was taken across that width and assayed the results being immediately cabled to the head office in London, as follows: "Mine-car sample, level No. 4 west of the dyke—sample assays gold, \$35; silver, \$5 per ton of 2000 lbs. Represented width of fifteen feet. The average width of the vein is greater." Subsequent work proved the ore to be twenty-six feet wide and to average \$40 across that width.

The other strike referred to was made on a claim next to the Ymir claim, and owned by the company. It was formerly supposed that the ore shoot now being worked was the only one on the property, but on the farther claim ore was found on the surface, which is taken to indicate another shoot in the same vein. A force of men have been put to work on this discovery.

The Ymir company is now employing about 200 men and it is probable that this force will be largely added to for the work of this fall. The new cyanide plant which is being erected will cover a large space and the

building covering it will be 300 feet long, requiring half a million feet of lumber. A contract for this lumber has been let, the work to be done with the company's own saw mill. Excavation work is now progressing for the foundation for the cyanide plant.

Neil Cochrane, M.E., of Rossland, is now here to lay out the autumn work on the Big Four group, owned by the British Lion Syndicate, of Ontario.

The mill at the Arlington mine is now completed and running full blast, while the Second Relief stamp mill will be in running order within two months.

## AINSWORTH, SLOCAN AND NELSON.

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A cyaniding building 500 feet long is being erected at the Ymir mine. The plant will have a capacity for treating 90 tons of ore per day. A body of ore 26 feet wide and averaging \$40.00 per ton was recently struck on the fourth level at this mine. A contract has been let to drive a 200-foot tunnel on the Commonwealth ledge, Crawford Bay district, considerable work has been done on this property already; it is expected that this will show up the property in such shape that regular shipments will be made. The Nelson smelter is now treating about 140 tons of Silver King ore per day. One hundred and thirty men are employed at the mine.

In the Slocan district operations will shortly be resumed on the Reco group. A contract on the Texan claim of the Reco group having already been let. About 90 mine are working at the Rambler mine, and the force will shortly be increased and the shipments augmented. A meeting of the company was held on the 25th of July and the subject of the erection of a concentrator discussed. A force of 120 men is employed at the Slocan Star mine and mill. Shipments amounting to 186 tons were made last week.

Another noteworthy event of the month was a car load shipment of ore from the Noble Five—the first for many years. A recent strike of six inches of dry ore running 7,860 ounces silver to the ton has been made on the Silver Glace. The mines at Sandon, are all working a more or less limited number of men. The Slocan Star employs 125; the American Boy, 35; the Payne and Last Chance, 30 each.

## SLOCAN CITY MINING DIVISION.

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There is nothing of very special interest to note for the month in the district. Claim owners are practically all busy with assessment or development work and reports generally are very satisfactory. The tonnage from the district for the seven months just about equals the whole of last year's output, or about 2750 tons. The Arlington is responsible for over 2000 tons of this, the balance being divided amongst nine others.

On Ten-mile creek, the month gives us the bond on the Iron Horse, \$19,500, taken up, work progressing favourably on the Enterprise mill and the trail reworked as far as the snow line. Active development on the Phoenix, Viking, Tamarac, Esmeralda, Morning Star, Silver Star, Hampton and others.

Mr. R. P. Rithet, of Victoria, president of the Arlington Recoitabi Mining Co. has been here in conference with Mr. Collom, the managing director, and Mr. DuBois, the superintendent of the Arlington. These mines are progressing most satisfactorily. The Arlington people have been picking up claims along the creek quietly for some time and they are doing considerable development work at different

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