

MINING AT DEPTH

Properties Considered Worked Out Being Reopened.

CAN BE MADE PROFITABLE

This Can be Done with Up-to-Date Machinery, Cheaper Labor and Scientific Management Average Life of a Mine Has Thus Been Increased.

Mr. Edward A. Rix, consulting engineer for mines and machinery of San Francisco, who has been in the camp for the past week conferring with Mr. Hastings on the new plant for the Centre Star, left yesterday for his home. Mr. Rix said to a Miner reporter yesterday before leaving that he was greatly surprised and pleased with the forward state of Rossland as a mining camp. Many of the camps in California much older than Rossland, did not possess many of the advantages already in use here. Rossland had evidently come to stay, said the visitor, and the permanency of this camp led Mr. Rix to refer to the new aspect of mining in the United States, particularly in California. The life of an average mine will now have to be calculated on an entirely different basis than in the past. Many properties after the abandonment of years are now being reopened and managed successfully. Mr. Rix mentioned two mines which he recently came under his notice, one had just celebrated its thirtieth anniversary, and another, the Empire mine of Grass Valley, California, had passed its fiftieth year of successful working. The management of the Empire so far from thinking or considering the mine played out had just expended over \$150,000 for a new plant. Manager's residence and other buildings are all of a superior and substantial kind. The mine buildings being constructed of stone, iron and glass, and a lot of money was put into the finish of the buildings, inside and out. It will be many years yet before the Empire is mined out, though the mine is advanced, thought to be impossible. Other mines that were abandoned and considered useless from a commercial standpoint are now recognized as very valuable and are being reopened, and worked at a very good profit. Deep mining at a great profit is everywhere being carried on successfully, and deep mining has come to stay. There are many reasons for this, but Mr. Rix mentioned that the most important factors in the successful mining of old or newly developed properties at the present time were in the improved methods, better machinery, lower wages, cheaper supplies and superior management. In addition the treatment of ore by mill processes which save a higher percentage of values at less expense and cheaper and more improved methods of smelting now render many properties workable that were considered impracticable a few years back. Mr. Rix has strong opinions on deep mining and considers that the value of many properties is greatly enhanced by the new order of things. He concluded by saying that the properties surrounding Rossland should be practically inexhaustible with the management and methods that are now obtainable.

The Affairs of the Cliff.

The owners of the Cliff mine on Red Mountain have about settled their arrangements to commence work on the property. Mr. Clarence Teasdale, who has been in the city for the past fortnight, left for Spokane yesterday. Mr. Teasdale said he had succeeded in disposing of the machinery now at the mine, which has been christened by Colonel Wharton, and that arrangements to put in an entirely new and much larger plant were about completed. The management hope to have the Cliff back in the shipping list of Rossland properties during the next 60 days, and when shipping is resumed it will be kept up continuously.

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The Road View property on Sheep Creek, near the international boundary line has been sold to Climes and Ryard. Michael Flaberty was the vendor. The new owners have let a contract for the erection of a blacksmith shop and bunk house, and intend to commence the work of development soon on an elaborate scale. The property has a good surface showing.

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For the Paris Show.

J. A. Robertson, provincial mineralogist, has completed the work for which he visited Nelson, and has left town, says the Nelson Tribune. He says that all arrangements had been made for the collection of the mineral exhibit from the Nelson and Goat River mining divisions for the Paris exhibition. The South Kootenay board of trade have undertaken the responsibility of making this collection, and has deputed F. M. Chabourn, ore buyer for the Hall Mines smelter, to collect and send in samples. Mr. Robertson, on behalf of the government, promised a small grant out of the general appropriation to cover the expenses of making the collection, and he will be back here again when it is ready, to see that the exhibit is complete and representative. Specimens must be eight inches cubes, though exceptionally fine individual samples of larger size will be accepted. It will be remembered that Canada has been allotted one-eighth of the total space allowed the British Empire at the exhibition, and Mr. Robertson has tried very hard to get one-half of the space set apart by the Dominion government for the Canadian mineral exhibit devoted to British Columbia. The result of negotiations has been that Dr. Dawson, who has virtual control of this department, has practically promised that British Columbia shall have half the space set apart for the Dominion mining exhibit, providing this province sends a collection worthy of such prominence. Thus the province is put upon its mettle, but with a little care no trouble should be found in ensuring an exhibit which will be worthy of Dr. Dawson's approval and of the great mining country

from which it came. A similar collection to that of the Nelson division will be made in Trail Creek and other divisions.

TROUT LAKE FIELD.

Gold Commissioner Coursier Tells of the Development There.

Mr. H. N. Coursier, gold commissioner, has returned to Revelstoke from a visit to the southern portion of his district. Interviewed by the Mail he said he had visited Comapix and Fish Creek, Thomson's Landing, Trout Lake City, Ferguson and 10-Mile; Nakusp, Fire Valley, Mineral and Burton City and had been all over most of the roads and trails. The government's policy was principally to open up, improve and extend main trails and it was a wise policy. The work for the season was mostly located north and west, he thought, in capable lands. In Trout Lake the North Fork trail would be extensively repaired. There were several other trail appropriations. In Lardreau the wagon road was the principal item and the putting in of several bridges. At Nakusp the chief item was in a trail to the springs and one up McDonnell creek; at Burton one from the Millie Mack switch up the Cariboo river. Repairs to the wagon road at Burton was an intended item of expenditure, but unfortunately the greater portion of the money had already been spent in removing a slide. Everywhere he found general activity and hopefulness, particularly in Lardreau, where railway stakes are found everywhere. The general expectation is that rails will be built round Trout lake and a spur to 10-Mile this year. Fish creek has been surveyed, too, and the North Fork. From the energy displayed by the two railway companies anything might happen. Comapix and Thomson's Landing looking confidently to an output from Pool creek, Trout Lake City is improving rapidly, and Ferguson is going forward again. There is a general hopefulness all over that country that is most encouraging.

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Work on the Leiter.

A. G. White, superintendent of the Leiter, on Sophie mountain, returned Friday from a visit to the property. He reports that it is evident that lead No. 2, which is so prominent on the claim adjoining, has sheared to the east and joined ledge No. 1. The tunnel is now being driven toward No. 1 lead. The tunnel is now in for a distance of 190 feet and is expected that lead No. 1 will be met inside of the next 40 feet.

THERE WAS NO SALE

No One Offered to Bid for the Property of the O. K. Company.

THE AUCTION WAS POSTPONED

The intention of the Evening Star is to Stop Ore From the Upper Tunnel and to Ship Two Car Loads a Week—Other Mining Items.

At 11 o'clock Friday morning there was a small and select audience gathered together in front of the recording office on Columbia avenue, east. The fact that the O. K. mine, together with the ten-stamp mill, manager's residence and other buildings, as well as the other plant on the premises, was to be offered for sale, interested only about a score of persons, just about that number being present. Among the gathering were Richard Plewman, official liquidator; J. S. Clute, Jr., solicitor for the liquidator; E. V. Howell, O. C. Victoria; D. W. Vincent, cashier of the old National bank of Spokane; C. S. Wallis, L. H. Webber, Thomas S. Gilmour and A. B. Irwin.

Promptly at 11 o'clock Walter Robinson acting sheriff, read out the conditions of sale, and the other legal papers in connection with the proceedings and bids for the purchase of the O. K. mine and plant, stock and barrel, were invited. A dead silence followed the sheriff's invitation, and no one in the audience seemed anxious to begin. Mr. Bodwell smoked his cigar thoughtfully and contemplated the surrounding scenery, with his usual good deal of indifference to the proceedings. The necessary cash in his pocket to purchase the property, appeared quite indifferent to the sheriff's pressing invitation. Mr. Plewman seemed somewhat anxious, but there was no response.

Three times Mr. Robinson requested the audience to bid for the property, and then he announced that the sale was adjourned sine die, as no bids were made, and the gathering dispersed. Mr. Vincent hurried to the station and managed to catch the noon train for Spokane. Mr. Plewman was seen after the attempted sale, and he said that probably nothing more would be done in the matter until after the long vacation in September. He would make his official report, look down upon the mine, and receive his instructions as to future proceedings. Mr. Bodwell said that while the matter might be brought up before a vacation judge at the coast during July or August and some action taken, it would probably be September before anything further was done.

Will Ship Two Carloads a Week.

Jerome D. Drumheeler, manager of the Evening Star, has decided to begin stopping the ore reserves in the mine above the 100-foot level. The intention, he says, from now on, is to ship at least a couple of carloads each week. The winze from the lower tunnel is being extended, and work is being pushed all over the property.

AROUND PRINCETON.

A Correspondent Who Says It is a Great Mining Country.

An enthusiastic correspondent sends the following to The Miner from Princeton, B. C. He is evidently delighted with that section: Princeton, June 25.—Here, where the towering mountains of the Cascades, in their glorious splendor, look down upon the vast mineral deposits of gold, silver, platinum, cheludium, copper, coal, oilstone, vermillion and lots of other minerals too numerous to mention, of Similkameen and its local tributaries, the rich and fertile valley, the noble and thriving ranchman from the far distant country to the ocean-fringed coast of the southwestern province of British Columbia is a fine country. In no country on the face of God's green earth have I met with such vast inducements for the capitalist, prospector, and in fact, all kinds of business men, as there are in this country. It caps the climax on all the countries I have ever seen. This portion of the country for 100 miles square is all out up with the networks of veins of precious minerals, the formation consisting of porphyry, diorite, serpentine, trachyte, quartzite and other formations too numerous to mention. Nearly all kinds of semi-tropical fruit grows splendidly in the valleys. This country is the prospector's paradise, a capitalist's promised land, and all kinds of game abound in the hills, and is also a paradise of the nimrod, no kind gentleman if you want to catch on while you can locate vast mines along the trail, as I have, you want to pack up your mules and come on the run.

Good News From the Mystery.

Mr. E. N. Oumette Friday received a letter from Mr. A. J. Littlejohn, who is operating the Mystery property in the Burnt Basin for the Mystery Mining Company. He says that he recently started tunnel No. 2, 20 feet below tunnel No. 1. This tunnel has been driven in for a distance of 50 feet and a vein of ore 30 feet wide has been met. The same vein was found in the upper tunnel and has the same width there. The ore in the upper tunnel averaged \$30 to the ton. "This proves," said Mr. Oumette, "that the Mystery is a mine. The news has caused great rejoicing among the stockholders."

The Olga and X-Ray, on Sophie Mountain, a tunnel is being run.

This property has splendid surface showing, and with the expenditure of a few thousand dollars it is thought could be made a producer in a short time.

Development of the Douglas.

The development of the Douglas property, on Sophie mountain, continues. The force is at present engaged in drifting in the big 30-foot vein, which was recently uncovered.

A Big Ledge on the Radja.

The Canada Western Gold Mining & Exploration Company Monday received a letter from the superintendent of the Radja at Camp McKinney. He stated that he has found the ledge at point J, five feet west of the shaft, and it is more than 20 feet wide of solid free milling quartz. Old-timers in Camp McKinney say it is the prettiest thing in the camp.

The Ore Shipments.

Owing to the difficulty that the Columbia & Western has with the new ore cars the men engaged in loading the cars at the War Eagle and Centre Star have been instructed not to exceed 30 tons to the car. Some of the cars that were sent down at first had as much as 40 tons of ore and it is thought this caused them to leave the track. The ore trucks on the new War Eagle tramway hold five tons to the load. The ore is brought down to the shipping level and dumped into the bins and later into the car, and the men are obliged to estimate the proper quantities. On the Le Roi tram the trucks hold just two tons and they unload directly into the Red Mountain cars, 10 to a car, making 32 tons in all. The difference in the weight of the ore making the car load vary. The Iron Mask ore is all sorted before being snipped and consequently a carload weighs considerably more than one loaded with either Centre Star or War Eagle ore. A small percentage of light rock in each truck load will make a good deal of difference in weighing the total shipments for the week. The shipments to Trail last week exceeded the estimate of 32 tons to the car placed by The Miner, but in future the cars will not carry more than 30 tons. The exact weight is to be applied for and the obtainable will appear in Thursday's issue along with those of the Red Mountain railway.

BRITISH WEST AFRICA.

When the Niger Territory is Taken Over It Will Be Redivided.

London, July 3.—In the House of Commons today the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, submitted the proposed terms on which the government has taken over the Niger company's territories. The scheme includes the revocation of the charter on payment of \$265,000 and half the proceeds from the royalties on minerals exported through British territories for 99 years. When the Niger territories are taken over the whole of British West African territory will be redivided into three divisions. It will all be administered from the colonial office. All inland customs will be abolished and perfect freedom of trade will be permitted, except in case of spirits. The chancellor of the exchequer then moved a resolution authorizing the issue of \$265,000 from the consolidated funds. It was adopted by a vote of 223 to 101.

The Fraser Falling

Lillooet, B. C., July 3.—The river is falling gradually. The weather is showery and cooler.

Quesnelle, B. C., July 3.—The river is about at a standstill. The weather is cloudy.

Hurst Park Races.

London, July 1.—At the Hurst Park races today the Ferry Selling Plate was won by the Hilaria Filly. Sloan rode Alchod and finished second, St. Benedict third. This event is for 103 sovereigns, for three-year-olds, the winner to be sold by auction for 300 sovereigns; entrance, three sovereigns.

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CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice. Lot 606, Group 1, Ore-or-no-go Mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: In the City of Rossland, between Centre Star and Nickel Plate mineral claims.

Take notice that I, Robert E. Palmer, agent for East Le Roi Mining Company, Limited, free miner's certificate No. 123845, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 18th day of May, 1899. R. E. PALMER.

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CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice. Runkover Mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Deer Park mountain, east of and adjoining the mineral claim Mayflower No. 2.

Take notice that I, H. B. Smith, acting as agent for J. B. Reynolds, free miner's certificate No. 129824, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 6th day of May, 1899. H. B. SMITH.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENT.

Notice. Red Bluff mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: About one-third of a mile east of the hotel at Sayward.

Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for James Scott, free miner's certificate No. 356834, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 7th day of June, 1899. F. A. WILKIN.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice. Saratoga, Golden Plate, Waters Meet mineral claims, situate in Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Champlain creek, six miles from the Columbia river.

Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for the Golden Plate Consolidated Mining Company, Limited, free miner's certificate No. 13,147A, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 28th day of June, 1899. F. A. WILKIN.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice. Buffalo No. 2, Ontario, and Great Britain mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: On the west slope of O. K. mountain. Take notice that I, Kenneth L. Burnet acting as agent for George R. Killam, Free Miner's (special) License No. 651, Free Miner's Certificate No. 34063 A, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claims. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this first day of June, 1899. KENNETH L. BURNET.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice. Diamond mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of Kootenay district.

Where located: On Monte Cristo mountain, lying between the Monte Cristo, Evening Star and C. C. mineral claims. Take notice that I, C. H. Ellacott acting as agent for J. C. Drumheeler, Esq., of the city of Spokane, State of Washington, Free Miner's Certificate No. 34074 A, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 23rd day of May, 1899. CHAS. H. ELLACOTT, P.L.S.

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Fat man's race— race caused much well contested. Clerk's race—The pany donated a f competed for a grocery and gener Kootenay, selling Bert Good. Tennis.—Gents' best F. McRae; Crickman and He Arrowsmith and doubt's, F. McRae H. Pollock an Lacrosse.—Nelson to none. It was a contested game. Baseball.—Consid day. It resulted i score of 26 to 3. Horse Races.—S two in three, Min tain of Rossland, Wilson of North best dash, Fox w Minnie B. ran sefied. Pony race in three, won by There were two e by Mollie and w In the trap sho all corners. The G. W. Steel, C. Hawley and W. team: Critchley a ander of Lethbric E. Macdonald an 32 to 28.

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