

RICHES OF ROSSLAND.

The "Josie" One of the Great Gold Mines of the World—The "Georgia."

Columbia and Western Railroad—The War Eagle Smelter—Activity on Bear Creek.

(From the Rossland Miner.) The Le Roi company declared a dividend of \$50,000 Tuesday evening, May 6. This makes a total of \$150,000 in dividends from this mine in less than a year.

Reports from Bear Creek, on the east side of the Columbia river, indicate that there will be considerable activity this summer.

The showing on the Fool Hen continues to improve. It looks as though the Barnard syndicate have acquired a valuable property in this claim.

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Gen. C. S. Warren, of Butte, is back again in Rossland. Since his last visit he has sold the California to a London syndicate.

The lower tunnel of the Cliff shows three feet of high grade ore in the bottom. It extends to the roof of the drift on one side.

Joe Trayner, for a long time foreman at the Le Roi, has been engaged as superintendent on the Mountain View.

The owners of the Crown Point are going to build a wagon road to the narrow gauge railroad so as to begin shipments to the Trail smelter. They have recently encountered some fine ore in their west drift.

In addition to the Iron Horse the Enterprise has been sold to a Spokane syndicate. This cleans up the Iron Horse group. Each of the three claims which were so long linked together is now owned by a separate company, the price in each case having been \$25,000 cash.

As nearly as we can learn, an option has been given on the War Eagle which runs till August 15. Since this option was given an offer of \$800,000 has been made for the property.

President Corbin, of the Columbia & Red Mountain, has ordered three ten wheel locomotives for service on the line between Rossland and Northport. He proposes to build a road that can be built and to have equipment to correspond.

The main tunnel of the Centre Star has had a full face of solid sulphide ore for the past two weeks. The ore has been of a satisfactory grade right along, but the full face is now high grade shipping ore.

The Columbia and Western railroad will be built for a distance of 10 miles. An agreement has been reached with the C.P.R. which insures the backing of that corporation. By the construction of this line from Rossland to Pentliten the C.P.R. will secure a short line to the coast which will effect an enormous saving both in time and expense besides opening up both the Boundary camp and Okanagan valley farm lands. Connection will be made with the Shuswap & Okanagan branch of the C.P.R. by means of steamers on Okanagan lake. Mr. Gutelius, president and general manager of the road, said: "I do not think any construction will be done this year. We have two survey parties in the field now and we could not possibly locate a line until we have more exact information about the district. Besides, it is absolutely essential that we should have a Dominion charter for the road before the Provincial government. We fully intend to go ahead with the work as soon as we can."

J. H. Sussman, mining expert for the C. P. R., went down to Spokane early in the week. He is looking very bright. The War Eagle people and endeavoring to induce them to build their projected smelter somewhere in British Columbia preferably on the line of the C. P. R. to Rossland. He has two parties in the field now and we could not possibly locate a line until we have more exact information about the district. Besides, it is absolutely essential that we should have a Dominion charter for the road before the Provincial government. We fully intend to go ahead with the work as soon as we can."

The final payment on the Georgia, amounting to \$15,000, was made by Joseph L. Warner on Monday. Under the terms of the bond it was not due until May 23, the previous payments having been made as follows: \$1,000 on April 8, and \$9,000 April 13. The Georgia now belongs wholly to Hedley Chapman and associates of Victoria, and they will proceed to incorporate at once. The mine interest is looking very well. Since work was started on the new tunnel they have driven about 25 feet, and have a full face of ore. It is mostly silicious, but it assays very satisfactorily. The Georgia now ranks as one of the best speculative properties in the camp, and its stock will most likely be eagerly taken as fast as the company offers it for sale.

The Josie mine is a hummer. Its prospects have been constantly improving of late, and now there is no room for doubt that it is one of the biggest mines in the camp and will eventually be one of the great gold mines of the world. In the main tunnel they now have a full face of perfectly clean ore which will average over \$60 in gold and 5 per cent. in copper. Frank C. Loring so informed the Miner yesterday and his statement can be accepted as a very conservative one. Talking of the mine he said: "We have had a good deal of trouble in our main tunnel owing to the fact that two veins met at a fault. We did a good deal of work in one there and followed one of them about 60 feet. Then we concluded that we were not on the main vein, as it neither dipped nor trended in the right direction. We then came back about 40 feet from the face to a point where there was some ore in the south wall of the drift. We have since followed this vein about 25 feet, and it has shown a continuous body of high grade ore. On the recent discovery we discovered parallel veins 150 feet to the north we have made three openings 150 feet from each other. All three shafts, one of which is down 10 feet, show five feet of ore, three feet of which is solid copper sulphide. The whole five feet in the three shafts will average \$30 to \$40 in gold and 4 to 5 per cent. in copper. There is no doubt now that this vein runs right down the hill and

is fully as strong as our main vein. We have now started a crosscut tunnel on our main line in the direction of our main working shaft, which is 250 feet north. This tunnel will open up the Le Roi vein where it runs through our ground, and also the main and north veins. If there are any more east and west veins on the ground it will open them up, too. The machinery which was ordered from the Ingersoll-Sergeant Drill Company last January is nearly all at the mine now, though part of it is still on the road from Trail. This machinery consists of a 7-drum compressor, 40-horse-power hoist, sinking pump, etc. The manufacturers are to deliver it to us in running order, and Mr. Sword, their British Columbia agent, is now on the way from Montreal to superintend its erection. Our new office is completed and we have moved into it, and we expect to have the machinery in running order in two weeks time."

(From the Spokane Spokesman.) Construction work on the Trail Creek and Rossland tramway still lags behind, and it is doubtful if the road will be in operation at all before the 1st of June. The construction company are using every available means to get the road completed.

In addition to the good strike reported yesterday in the Crown Point, Finch and Campbell who have the Tiger, adjoining the Crown Point on the east, say they have caught the main vein in an opening which is just being made. The vein is being crosstout about 100 feet down from the old tunnel. About six feet of ore, solid copper and iron sulphides, has already been uncovered. The very top ore from this opening gave assay returns of 7 per cent. copper, 12 ounces silver and \$3 in gold to the ton.

Probably the largest price yet offered for a non-dividend payer in the Trail Creek district was made to the owners of the Great Western, for 600,000 shares (a controlling interest) of the stock. It is said 25 cents a share for the block was offered. Messrs. Burke and Warren accepted the offer, but J. B. Jones declined to entertain it.

The Curlew, to the south of the Home-stake and Nest Egg claims, was sold today by the original owners and locators to what is supposed to be a Chicago company, for \$7,000 cash. The Curlew has a strong lead with ore of a good quality.

Excavations for the building for the Cliff compressor have been made, and the work of construction will now go rapidly forward.

Rosland presents the most encouraging field for diamond drill work of any camp discovered for many a day. At least four drills, besides those in use at present, will be in operation by the 10th of June.

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D. Ross, W. F. Kent and A. E. Suckling have returned from a fishing excursion up the Stave river, where they were exceedingly fortunate, and brought back 113 pounds of fine trout. Mr. Ross killed a brook trout which tipped the scales at 12 pounds, and was the largest ever taken in the river.

A modern fishing craft has been built by the Dominion Fish Co. for the halibut trade, and will be launched on Saturday.

Louis Fullerton returned from Texada Island on Tuesday. He reports that mining on the island is booming, there having been several claims bonded while he was there. Fishing and hunting is splendid.

At the well known Chilliwack farmer, is largely interested in the creamery which is being started at Chilliwack. The machinery is now on the way from the East and the creamery will be in operation before long. It will have a capacity for using the milk of 600 cows and will be so arranged that its operations can be doubled without much additional expense.

VANCOUVER, May 15.—When Mr. G. H. Cowan was nominated by the Conservative party as a candidate for the Westminster seat, he was nominated at a mass meeting to be held on a subsequent date. Col. Prior yesterday telegraphed his desire of being present at that meeting, and the date is to be fixed by the committee.

The Colonel is looked upon here as a possible peace-maker for the party. Mr. Cowan has opened his committee rooms and is selecting chairmen of the ward committees to-night.

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The negotiations which have been proceeding for some days over the proposed purchase of the Noble Five by the Messrs. Gooderham of Toronto, came to a conclusion on Thursday. Unfortu-

ately the parties were unable to come to mutually agreeable terms and the deal fell through. Messrs. Blackstock, of Toronto, and J. B. Hastings, of Boise, who had been acting on behalf of the Eastern capitalists, left yesterday for Rossland.

Late last fall some claims were located high up on the divide between the head waters of Lemon creek and the Kootenay outlet. The town of Nelson was visible from the spot. The claims were reported to contain a ledge of free-milling gold quartz, samples from which assayed as high as 26 ounces in gold, and a ton of ore would yield 100 ounces of gold.

Mr. Marpole has been bonded to R. Marpole for \$25,000. A \$400 was paid in cash, \$2,600 is to be paid on July 15, \$10,000 on October 1, and the balance in a year. Mr. Marpole has also taken out a mortgage on his property for \$25,000. Plummet & Dunbar, of Vancouver, have bonded the Bondholder, Pinelox, Rosebud and Lone Star for \$40,000, paying \$500 cash. Their claims are situated on the divide between the Royal and Goodwoods, the prospective buyers, are now en route home.

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(From the Nelson Tribune.) Phil Aspinwall, who is back in Nelson from a trip to the Boundary Creek country, says the indications are good, but that there is not much work being done. There is a great amount of freight going in from Marcus, and the country is alive with prospectors.

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