

The Python is now being developed, and is proving in every way worthy of the anticipations entertained of it. The main shaft is 100 feet in depth, and at the end of a drift 90 feet long, 55 feet below the surface, a crosscut is being put in, which it is intended to carry on until the walls are found. The vein has been found on the surface west of the shaft to be over 30 feet in width, and is known to be at least 10 feet wide at the bottom, but as neither wall has yet been struck, it is likely to be much wider. The value of the property has been enormously sustained by the fact that, within the last few weeks, trenches cut through solid rock east of the shaft have exposed the vein. The first 2,000 feet from the shaft does not shew either wall, but the vein is in it over 60 feet wide. It carries some copper and gold, but is much oxidized. The second trench has exposed a vein cropping 1,000 feet east of this, but the rock is much altered. This vein has now been traced over 5,000 feet, which is good shewing for the amount of work done. It is intended to cross-cut the vein from drift at the bottom of the shaft. A carload of ore has been shipped, valued at 8 per cent copper and $4\frac{1}{2}$ gold per ton, which should give the company nearly \$10 net per ton. So far as the work has proceeded it reflects great credit on Manager Wood, and everything points to the property becoming a great mine.

A. Noble, has just finished assessment work on the Mollie Gibson, a very promising gold property, adjoining the Homestake on Jamieson Creek.

Mr. Outhett has received a communication from the Provincial Board of Examiners of Assayers to the effect that in his case examination will be waived, as his credentials show an efficiency that is quite up to their high standard. Mr. Outhett has received a thorough training both at the Royal School of Mines, London, Eng., and at the Royal College of Science.

A large shipment of bullion arrived in Ashcroft last week from the Cairboo Hydraulic mine.

The first meeting of the Mining Committee appointed by the B. C. Inland Board of Trade was held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday November 21st. There were present J. Redman, F. J. Fulton, H. G. Ashby, Dr. M. S. Wade and E. T. W. Pearse, secretary. The following resolutions were passed:

That the secretary obtain information from other Boards of Trade in B. C. and Washington as to the scope of the work done by their Mining Committees.

That the B. C. Inland Board of Trade be requested to secure a room for the exhibition of mineral specimens and mining literature.

That the secretary provide and open a register for the registration of local mining properties, and particulars thereof, such as location, price, amount of development work done, terms, names of owners or agents.

That the secretary write to F. J. Deane M. P. P. requesting that the Mining Committee shall be sent copies of proposed new mining legislation.