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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The discovery of free gold near Lawn Point, Northern Vancouver Island, has been reported.

Mineral exhibits at the Spokane Exposition from Kootenay and Boundary districts won many prizes.

The Kaslo *Kootenian* states that mining around Sandon, Slocan, is now more active than for years.

The bunk houses lately erected at the Blue Bell mine, near Ainsworth, will accommodate 80 men.

The Lake Shore shaft of the St. Eugene mine, East Kootenay, is being deepened to 600 ft.

A few men are kept at work at the Iron Mask mine, Kamloops, pending a visit from the directors.

The lowest levels of the Queen Bess mine, Slocan, have been leased and the lessees have commenced work in them.

The V. V. and E. railway has been completed to Keremeos. Grading thence to Hedley, Similkameen is in progress.

From Ashcroft comes news that at the Tamarac a well-mineralized vein about 8 ft. in width has lately been discovered.

Considerable quantities of marble are being shipped from the quarry near Kaslo for use in buildings being erected in Nelson.

District newspapers state that the St. Eugene mine disbursed a total of \$44,000 as pay on August account.

James Cronin, of Spokane, Washington, is reported to have bonded Dibble and Brewer's mineral claims, situated in the Babine Mountains, Skeena mining division, for \$40,000.