

# ROSSLAND WEEKLY MINER.

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## FIRST GOLD INGOT

It Was Produced at the Trail Smelter Last Night.

## A SIGNIFICANT EVENT

First Production of Refined Gold in British Columbia—After Many Experiments the Refinery of the Trail Smelter is a Great Success.

The Trail smelter turned out its first gold ingot last night. The interesting event did not take place until a late hour, but it occurred in time for THE MINER to get the news, because it had a representative on the spot. A gold brick weighing 250 ounces or a little over 20 pounds, was turned out. It bears the initials B. C. S. & R. Co., which stand for British Columbia Smelting and Refining company. Experiments have been in progress at the refinery for several weeks and much ground has been covered in arriving at the point reached last night. It was the first time refined gold has ever been produced in the Dominion, and it is therefore not only an event in the history of the smelter, but in that of British Columbia and Canada. Mr. Heinze has earned the distinction of building the first refinery north of the 49th parallel. There are only a few institutions of this kind in the United States. Some new methods in the process of extracting gold have been adopted in the refinery of the Trail smelter and this accounts for the delay in obtaining actual results. It is believed now that every difficulty has been overcome, and that the refinery will be a great success. The crude ore can now be put through the entire process of smelting and refining in six or seven days. In other words, refined gold, copper and silver can be made available in that time.

The gold in the brick produced last night was melted in a graphite crucible, and will probably be on an exhibition in the Bank of Montreal here. To look at it makes one feel that we have a pretty good Clondyke right here in Rossland. The refinery of the Trail smelter will soon be producing a dozen of these 20-pound gold bricks every week.

## TO THE FIVE HUNDRED.

Extension of the Le Roi Skip Shaft Completed.

The Le Roi has again started up after being shut down two or three days in order that connections between the 500-foot level and the new skip shaft could be made. The work was completed Sunday and things were in full blast Monday. The effect of the shut-down is seen in the falling off of the ore shipments for last week, the amount being only 1,500 tons. Now that the skip shaft has reached the 500-foot level, the mine will be able to produce more than ever. Hence no ore has been raised from this level except through the old bucket shaft. The skip shaft will now be extended to the 600-foot level. Twelve men will be put on the work, and it will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

## D. S. COHEN IN TOWN.

A Prominent Portland Man Looking After Mining Interests.

D. S. Cohen, of Portland, arrived Monday. He is prominently connected with the Rossland-Deer Park Mining company, which owns the Bald Head and the Mountain Kee, two claims on Deer Park mountain, near the Deer Park mine. The company began development work several weeks ago on the Bald Head and so far have had very encouraging results. Mr. Cohen will go out to look over the work this morning. He reports great prosperity throughout the farming districts of Washington and Oregon owing to the great quantity and good price of wheat and the good price of wool.

## Find Ore Everywhere.

E. C. Finch, manager of the Silver Queen Mining company, which has four claims in the Cariboo district, said Monday: "There seem to be ore bodies all over the Black Fox claim. We have been making preparations to put in supplies for the winter, and with that end in view recently started a gang of men to making a roof-house in which to store the supplies. They made an open cut into a sidehill and after covering this over started to tunnel into the sidehill in order to enlarge the storing space. They had only excavated a few feet when they struck a ledge. I had some of the ore from the ledge assayed and it went 65 ounces in silver and 92 in gold to the ton. This discovery is 300 feet from the main tunnel, where we have another rich body of ore. In fact, we have seven openings in the property and all of them are in ore which assays from 34 to 118 1/2 ounces. From 75 to 80 feet away from tunnel No. 1 a lead has been struck that goes from 40 to 400 ounces in silver and we have one gold assay that gave 9 ounces. To return to the roof-house lead, I will say that I have directed the men to sink on the lead so that we may know its extent."

## Clearing a Site With Fire.

A forest fire that cleared off eight or ten acres was blazing on Sunday afternoon at a point about a mile below the K. mine. It was prevented from spreading by a force of men who had been stationed around for that purpose. The men were reticent as to the reason why the ground had been cleared in this way, but the presumption is that the cleared ground is to be used by Mr. Webster as a site for the reduction works which he purposes erecting in that vicinity.

## THE BIG ELECTRIC PLANT.

The Right of Way Clearing Party at Waterloo Landing.

J. B. McArthur, secretary of the West Kootenay Light and Power company, returned Tuesday afternoon from Nelson and Kaslo. He says work is progressing most favorably on the big electric plant on the Kootenay river. The rock excavation will be completed in two more weeks, if no accident happens, and everything will then be ready for the machinery. About 75 men are engaged on the excavation work. The right of way party are down as far as Waterloo landing on the Columbia river, and by September 1 will be in the neighborhood of Rossland. The poles are being got out at the same time the clearing is done. Mr. Charles Ross says he now expects to be able to deliver power in Rossland by November 1.

## Cascade Assays Well.

Report of the finding of free-milling quartz on the Cascade, a claim on Iron creek, of the Upper Sheep Creek district, was given in THE MINER of Sunday. S. F. Griswold, owner of the claim, had an assay made Monday, and got \$34.40 in gold.

## STRIKE ON O. K. MOUNTAIN

Vein of the Northern Prince Has Been Cut.

It Is 8 Feet Wide, and an Assay of \$36 in Gold Is Obtained—Two Perfect Walls.

THE MINER is glad to be able to announce that the crosscut tunnel started some time ago to cut the ledge of the Northern Prince, on O. K. mountain, has been successful and that a fine body of ore has been opened at a depth of 80 feet. The Northern Prince is situated about half-way up the east side of O. K. mountain, southwest of the O. K. mine, and is owned by a Spokane company, V. Monier, manager. Development work was started last spring. An open cut was first run across the ledge, and a considerable body of decomposed quartz was found. The assays from this were sufficiently encouraging to induce the company to go lower down the hill and run the long crosscut. An assay made yesterday of a sample taken from across 18 inches of clear ore, and this showed \$36 in gold and \$1.25 in silver. The ore shows a good deal of copper, but no assay was made for this mineral. The vein is eight feet wide, and both the hanging and foot walls are clean. The ore has an excellent appearance, and there is good reason to believe the strike is one of great value. Mr. Monier has started to drift on the vein and will open the mine in a systematic manner.

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## THE TELEPHONE LINE.

In Six Weeks Rossland Will Be Able to Talk to Nelson.

The construction of the telephone line between Rossland and Nelson is making fair progress, and the line is now constructed for a distance of five miles this side of Nelson. The line will cross the Kootenay river at the point where the reaching from Nelson to Vancouver, B. C., via Spokane, Portland and Tacoma. Under the most favorable conditions Rossland could talk to Portland, but beyond that the message would have to be repeated.

## TO INSPECT THE JENNIE.

H. C. Walters and Party Start for the Slocan Country.

H. C. Walters, of the Canadian Gold Fields syndicate, A. McGarvey, of London, Eng., a stockholder in the Canadian Gold Fields syndicate, and Duncan McMillan, treasurer of the Walters' Co., left Tuesday to inspect the Jennie, a silver mining property near Kaslo, which is owned by the syndicate. Owing to the fact that silver is so low, nothing much will be done with respect to the Jennie claim except to do sufficient work to secure a crown grant. Later on, if silver goes up, it will be further developed. Mr. Walters will return to Rossland in a few days, but Mr. McGarvey, after inspecting the Jennie, will go on to his home in London, Eng.

## Back From Cariboo Camp.

C. C. Woodhouse, the mining engineer, is back from a visit to the Cariboo camp, where he has been arranging to secure crown grants for the properties in the Millie Mack group, and also for other claims. Mr. Woodhouse has spent a great deal of his time during the past year and a half in Cariboo camp and year and thinks that the showing there justifies high hopes of the future of the mining properties there.

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## GRAND FORKS, AUG. 8.—[Special.]—

R. H. Farren now languishes in jail in this city as a result of defacing the stakes on the Elsie May claim, which he jumped last month on the ground that the Artnis Mining company, which owned the claim, had failed to take out their license. Farren, since he relocated the property, has been working in Wolf's camp on the Colville Indian reservation, so that the British Columbia officers could not lay their hands on him. A few days ago, however, he returned to Grand Forks and was apprehended by Provincial Constable Dinmore. Farren pleaded guilty of mutilating notices and was fined \$20 and costs, in default of which he remains behind prison bars.

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