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PROMISING LARDEAU

THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE RAILWAY CAUSING LIVELY TIMES.

GOOD REPORT OF THE OLD GOLD AND PRIMROSE PROPERTIES.

Judge Miller of this city has just returned from an eight weeks' trip through the Lardeau country, six weeks of which was spent in the Old Gold and Primrose mines, in which he is largely interested. He states that the district is livelier than it has been in years, much of the extra life being owing to the railroad work in progress and the activity among mining men who see in the construction of the road the promise of the transportation facilities for which the country has been waiting. The railroad is now cleared from Lardo to Selkirk, at the foot of Trout lake, a distance of 35 miles. Practically all of the right of way is graded for this distance, and for 20 miles the steel is laid and construction trains in operation. The road will be entirely completed in a few weeks. Local men have placed three boats on Trout lake, and with the completion of the road to the lake a clear route will be secured through the Lardeau country. At the latter point surveys have been made for a wharf and arrangements made to construct a series of ore bins to be utilized in the transshipment of ore from land to water. These conveniences are expected to be built before the winter sets in, and the Lardeau district will then have what it has long lacked—reasonable transportation facilities. No schedule of rates has yet been issued by the railroad people as yet. As stated by Judge Miller describes the outlook as very encouraging—far more so than at any previous time in the history of the Lardeau country. He is most sanguine as to the future of the Lardeau district in a few years. It will outstrip the Slocan as an ore producer. In the mining camp where his interests lie, Judge Miller most satisfactorily reports that the mines are being worked, day and night shifts are being employed, a crew of fifteen men being employed. On the Old Gold between 500 and 600 tons of ore has been done. There is a promising showing on the surface, and a tunnel tapped the ore body at a perpendicular depth of 100 feet, at a point 150 feet from the portal. At this point the vein carries two and three feet of ore running \$125 per ton. The tunnel is now of concentrates. Another tunnel is now under way to tap the ore body at an additional depth of 100 feet, and the workings on this level are in 150 feet. Progress is being made at the rate of three feet per day, and the vein should be encountered at an additional distance of 50 feet. It is regarded as certain in view of the experience gained at other points that the ore body will be found to carry additional values at this depth. A small shipment of Old Gold ore has been made to test the vein. This shipment is now at Pervuson, and will probably be forwarded to the Everett, Wash., plant for treatment. It is not the company's intention to ship largely this winter because of the heavy charges for transportation. It is believed in this connection that the true economy lies in permitting the ore to remain undisturbed until such time as the near future are substantially transportation charges could ship a large quantity of ore during the coming season if it were deemed wise, particularly in view of the problems of transportation as now solved by the construction of a trail from the camp down the west fork of the Duncan for a distance of four miles to the landing where the streamers call. The government has constructed the trail up the Duncan to a point within three-quarters of a mile, and has authorized the Old Gold company to complete the work. This gives the company a continuous down haul to the camp, the natural and most economical outlet for its ore. It is proposed to continue work all winter, the mine buildings being in excellent condition for the winter.

Referring to the Primrose, Judge Miller says: "On the Primrose work is being prosecuted on either end of the property with a couple of shifts each during the 24 hours. On the west end No. 2 tunnel is being continued and is now in 60 feet and the ore is beginning to come in very thickly. I have to report a very important strike on the east end in No. 2 tunnel which is now in about 30 feet. Here the ore body on the foot wall is 15 inches in width, having width, and when I this from about six inches, and when I this was still on a bit of a surprise, a strike of the ore is a bit of a surprise, for from several assays we received gold values ranging from \$5.50 to \$18.90 to the ton. Copper values ranging from 5 to 7 per cent to 20 per cent per ton. The silver tests have not yet been made, but are expected to run high. The following are copies of the results of some of the assays made for gold and copper: Sample 1, which was tested for gold alone, went \$180.80; sample 2, which was also tested for gold alone, went \$31.20; sample 3, which was tested for gold and silver, went \$15.20; the lead, gave a gold value of \$15.20; sample 4, sample 5, of zinc, tested for gold, went \$6.00. In the several tests made as above the lead percentage was not high, running about 7 per cent per ton. In a recent test made of this ore for silver, returns of 140 ounces per ton were obtained.

"In connection with the values in gold and copper, silver and lead, it may be said that the former values are considered exclusively to the foot wall, where

the paystreak is 15 inches wide at present, while the latter are confined to the hanging wall. At the present stage of development it is not possible to state just how wide the streak of silver-lead is. The meeting with such high values in gold and copper was totally unexpected, but the silver and lead values have always been exceptionally good. Development will be pushed through the winter on No. 1 tunnel at the east end and should catch the ore chute within the next sixty feet. The tunnel site is a grand one, being located in the timber and near the creek and trail. The depth gained will be fully foot for foot."

FOR SNOWSHOE ORE

LIKELIHOOD OF THE COMPANY BUILDING ITS OWN SMELTER.

THE LATE PRESIDENT'S MEMORY HONORED—WORK ON RAILWAYS.

Grand Forks, Sept. 19.—(Special.) Mayor White's proclamation declaring this afternoon a half holiday out of respect for the late President McKinley was very generally observed. All business houses and numerous private dwellings were draped in mourning, and scores of flags were displayed at half mast. Business was suspended at noon. There was no memorial service, but the fire and church bells tolled during the funeral hours.

Anthony McMillan, managing director of the Snowshoe Gold-Copper Mines, and J. W. Astley, chief engineer, arrived here today and held a conference with S. H. C. Miner, Jay P. Graves and A. C. Flumerfelt, of the Granby smelter. Subsequently Mr. McMillan said: "We are considering the question of erecting our own smelter or the alternative of sending our ores to a custom smelter. Data are being gathered, but no decision will be reached until the arrival from England of G. S. Water-land, one of our directors. Some time ago the ore in sight in our mines was estimated at five hundred thousand tons, but this figure, owing to recent development work, is far below the reality. A large open quarry, all in ore, was started a few weeks ago. It is considered likely that the Snowshoe smelter will be built here on a site adjoining the Granby smelter."

The provincial authorities have offered a reward of \$250 for the arrest and conviction of the parties who held up and robbed the guests of Kaiser's hotel at Eholt of \$2,500 several weeks ago.

P. T. McCallum of this city has just sold C. D. Rand a tract of land lying east and south of the Van Ness addition of Grand Forks. The consideration was \$100 per acre.

Steps are being taken to organize a rifle club here. The first meeting was held a few evenings ago, when there was a large attendance of former members of the militia. The government will be asked to supply the arms and ammunition.

Dal Hawkins, formerly champion light weight of the world, will meet Coolidge Smith of Australia, in a twenty round glove contest here on Saturday evening for a bet of \$500 a side. A great deal of interest is being taken in the deal of interest in Smith is a strong favorite among the local sports. Betting is even, and the supporters of Hawkins thus far have not wagered much money.

The new music hall opened here this week is attracting large audiences. The programme is refined and first-class in every respect.

At the first annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Grand Forks Driving Park and Athletic association held last evening the following board of directors was elected: Wm. Spier, G. James Anderson, L. A. Manly, Dr. G. W. Averill, E. S. Biden, Al Trauweisner, W. A. M. Dunham. At a subsequent meeting of the board the officers elected were: President, Dr. G. W. Averill; vice-president, E. S. Biden; secretary, W. A. Harkin. The grading of the new half mile track will be commenced this fall and completed in the spring. It is the intention of the association to hold a summer meet. The track and grounds will cost \$10,000.

The construction work on the Republic and Grand Forks and the V. V. & E. railway is making satisfactory progress, despite the scarcity of railway laborers. Chief Engineer Eganney of the V. V. & E. is making an inspection of the branch between here and Phoenix, the building of which has been delayed owing to the tardy policy of the provincial government in granting the required permission to traverse certain crown lands.

The Humming Bird is about to resume ore shipments to the Granby smelter.

GRAND FORKS NEWS.

The North Fork Coal Fields—A Foul in a Fight.

Grand Forks, Sept. 23.—(Special.)—S. H. C. Miner and Jay P. Graves leave this week for Phoenix for the purpose of inspecting the Granby group of mines. James Mackinnon, acting general manager of the Eastern Townships Bank, arrived here from Sherbrooke on a brief visit.

R. W. Brock, of the Dominion Geological Survey, has left for the north fork coal fields, and will report thereon to the Dominion government.

In Saturday night's boxing contest between Dal Hawkins and Coolgardie Smith for a bet of \$500 a side Smith was awarded the decision on account of an alleged foul in the fourth round. The alleged foul in the fourth round. Green-wood and Phoenix sports lost heavily.

A FURTHER INCREASE FOR SUNDAY CLOSING

THE OUTPUT FOR THE WEEK WAS AGAIN SOMEWHAT ADVANCED.

RESUMPTION OF WORK ON THE LE ROI FIXED FOR TOMORROW.

Once more the aggregate ore shipments from the Rossland camp show an increase over the previous week. Last week the Le Roi and Le Roi No. 2 mines shipped 1740 to the Trail and Northport smelters, 540 tons going to Trail and 1200 to Northport. The Trail shipments were from the No. 2 dump at Le Roi, while the Northport consignments were mined in the Josie. Next week the Le Roi will stop ore and the shipments from the property may be expected to increase rapidly. For two mines, and one of them not stopping ore, the record for last week is extremely creditable, and will be generally accepted as a happy augury of the immediate future. The Josie mine is now producing more ore than at any time in its recent history. With the Le Roi in line, as well as the case this week, Rossland's ore output, the barometer of prosperity in the camp, will show a growth that cannot fail to bring keen satisfaction to the mind of every resident of the Golden City.

THE OUTPUT.

	Week.	Year.
Le Roi	540	109,908
Le Roi No. 2	1200	24,100
Centre Star	20,100	54,648
War Eagle	8,486	20,100
Rossland G. W.	3,733	8,486
Honesty	20	3,733
I. X. L.	230	20
Spitzee	160	230
Velvet	583	160
Monte Cristo	29	583
Evening Star	74	29
Giant	52	74
Portland	24	52
Totals	1740	222,218

Interest in the mining industry during the week has centered about the operation of the Le Roi mines. Work on the Josie has progressed without incident of special interest, beyond the fact that the operation of the property has been attended with remarkable success, as is evidenced by the amount of ore produced. Stopping was in progress throughout the week on all levels of the mine and the output was considerably in advance of what was expected. The forthcoming week will be of great interest to the re-opening of the Le Roi mine. This is regarded as the backbone of the city, and with mining operations in full swing the prosperity of the city will be assured.

The Big Four—Work is going ahead on the No. 1 and No. 2 levels as usual. The showing is excellent and drifting on the ore is in progress on both levels. Preparations are being made for shipping as soon as a spur is put in to the mine. Another contract of 50 feet will be let tomorrow and ore bins will be constructed on both ore dumps.

Spitzee.—The work at the mine during the week has been carried along as usual, although no ore was shipped. A feature of the week was the partial completion of the headworks to cover the plant and shaft. This will afford the mine facilities to operate all winter without being inconvenienced by the snowfall.

Green Mountain.—The work at the Green Mountain has proceeded as usual during the past week. The ordinary crew has been employed and excellent headway has been made. The two-compartment shaft has reached a depth of 110 feet. In the course of sinking a number of strong stringers of ore were encountered, indicating that work will be confined to drifting on the 100-foot finished level and the purpose of crossing the ore body. The management is particularly well pleased with the prospects of the property.

Velvet.—The Velvet is running along as usual, but the Miner is unable to secure particulars as to the programme being pursued at the present time. Hamilton A. Stoneham, of London, Eng., was a visitor to the property during the week.

New St. Elmo.—The contractors who were drifting on the north vein have thrown up the contract and the management have decided not to resume operations for some weeks. The property will be shut down in the interim.

Abe Lincoln.—At the Abe Lincoln the work of re-timbering the shaft and unwatering the mine is proceeding. It will be a week or two yet before actual mining is commenced underground.

ON THE WAY.

The outfit of instruments for the bugle band in connection with No. 1 company, Rocky Mountain Rangers, have been shipped from Toronto and should reach Rossland within a few days. The organization will commence practice at once, and as most of the members are ex-members of eastern bugle bands they will be in a position to make a public appearance within a comparatively short time. An arrangement will doubtless be effected whereby young men desiring to join the band will be afforded an opportunity to learn the instrument. When additional instruments are required the band will probably have made such a favorable impression that no difficulty will be encountered in securing the extra bugles.

TEMPERANCE AND RELIGIOUS

BODIES MOVE IN THE MATTER.

THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE ASKED TO CALL A POPULAR VOTE.

The temperance and religious organizations of Rossland are united on the point of reforms in the method of administering the saloon regulations in the city, and appear to be determined to force the matter to an issue at the next municipal election.

At a meeting of the Independent Order of Good Templars, the Baptist Young People's Union, the Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian church and the Epworth League society of the Methodist church, plans for promoting the campaign were taken up. A resolution was unanimously carried in which it was resolved to petition the city council for a plebiscite on the question of saloon closing at the approaching municipal election. It was indicated in the resolution that the consensus of opinion in the meeting was that a majority of the citizens during favor of restricting the saloons during the plebiscite that this belief was not founded on facts, the parties interested in securing the plebiscite were quite willing to bow to the will of the majority. The speakers on the subject were Rev. Robinson, Shaw, Foster and Heard.

Discussing the topic, the pastor of St. Andrew's church went into the matter at some length. Rev. Mr. Robinson on rising complimented the various speakers who had addressed the meeting from the different churches and temperance organizations. "Too often," he said, "temperance meetings result in nothing because the sentiments expressed have not been focused. This meeting has proved an exception, for the resolution just moved will bring to bear the force of the temperance sentiment of the young people of the city, and makes me feel that we are moving toward a given end. Let us remember that total prohibition of the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage should be the goal toward which we should tend. But a half loaf is always better than no bread; indeed a slice is better than none at all. Let temperance people be practical, and obtain the very best they can meanwhile for the advancement of their cause."

Mr. Robinson spoke of campaigns in which he had taken part in the past for the upholding of the Scott Act. That act, whatever it failed to accomplish, did render the business unpopular. It made the obtaining of liquor for drinking purposes difficult. Indeed, and whatever drives the traffic into holes and corners puts the ban upon it, and makes men ashamed to stand at bars, does a great thing for that community. He hoped the day would soon come in British Columbia, and in Rossland, when the ladies would frown upon the use of wine at their tables. This to a very large extent had become true in the older provinces, and the sooner it came here the better for all concerned.

The absolute closing of the bars in the city on Sunday would, he maintained, do much toward the proper observance of that day. We should be law-abiding in all respects, and if we do legalize the traffic in our midst by granting licenses we ought at least to see to it that the times and seasons of prohibition provided for by those licenses were strictly observed. If there is any doubt as to those hours and days in which no liquor is to be retailed, then let us have them clearly defined that they may be duly observed. This would be no unreasonable demand, and we feel assured that the citizens of Rossland would by a very large majority endorse such a movement. He had noticed in those provinces down by the other sea that whatever the people attempted with a will they generally accomplished. It augured well for this movement that the mover and seconder of this resolution were both from those parts; that the Morrisons and McLeods took hold together scarcely anything would be able to stand in their way. Mr. Robinson was pleased to find that so much bottled-up eloquence had found vent that evening, and closed by a strong appeal for united action in carrying out the resolution just passed unanimously into successful action.

BOUNDARY MINES.

Output for the Week—Work in Various Camps.

For the past week and for the year	Boundary mines shipped as follows:	Week	1901
Old Innesides, Knob Hill and Victoria	4,440	160,860	
B. C. Mine	420	33,320	
Winnipeg	180	535	
Atthelstan	180	655	
Snowshoe	180	560	
R. Bell	1,536	59,435	
Mother Lode, Deadwood	300	715	
Sunset, Deadwood	35	140	
No. 7 Central	90	140	
King Solomon, Copper	90	140	
Other Boundary mines	140	500	
Totals	6,881	227,566	

It is being received at the Greenwood smelter from the Camp, up the west fork of Kettle river.

During the last week the Granby smelter has treated 4,785 tons of ore, making a total of 220,405 tons to date.

An option for \$20,000 has been given to eastern parties on the Blue Jay, Chipper and Granite claims in Skylark camp. Two small lots of gold, the result of a five days' run, were recently recovered from the Rock Creek placer company's workings.

It is reported that the London and

THE PHOENIX BRANCH

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT'S DELAY IS HAMPERING CONSTRUCTION.

DISCOVERY OF NICKEL ORE AT THE HEAD OF THE TULAMEEN RIVER.

Grand Forks, Sept. 24.—(Special.)—Word was received here today that the Dominion government has accepted the plans of the V. V. & E. railway for the proposed Phoenix branch. Construction work cannot start until the right of way is approved by the provincial government. The delay in securing this formal permission has created an unfavorable impression here, as the plans were transmitted to Victoria over six weeks ago.

George W. Rumberger, mayor of Phoenix, has returned from a trip to Franklin camp, on the east fork of the north fork of Kettle river. He was accompanied by John Meyer, a claim owner. Mr. Rumberger examined a number of properties with a view to investment. While there he met Hugh Cannon, of Grand Forks, who has been opening two claims adjoining the well known Newby claim. The ledge is described as nearly 100 feet wide with some spindly ore, including bromide of copper, on the surface.

Frank Turner, of Seattle, has purchased a controlling interest in the Owl mine. The deal was negotiated by C. D. Rand.

C. C. Corbin's King Solomon mine in Copper camp is now a steady shipper to the Granby smelter. It will ship three carloads a week. There are 1000 tons on the dump.

J. A. Leckie, M.E., and Aertus Shaw, of Greenwood, have just returned from a trip to the headwaters of the Tulameen river, where they located a nickel mine. The deposit is believed to be very extensive, but no work has been done in the way of development. The discovery is noteworthy, as nickel hitherto has not been found in this province in paying quantities. It is true that a small stringer of nickel was found near Fort Steele several years ago, but the showing did not justify development. Lieut. Leckie brought back with him a number of samples of the Tulameen nickel. These specimens have been forwarded to the works of the Orford Nickel company at Sudbury, Ont., and will be analyzed.

C. D. Rand left yesterday for Rossland and Spokane.

John F. Clute, inspector of customs, New Westminster, is here on official business.

CARIBOO HYDRAULIC.

The Second Gold Brick for the Season Brought Down.

Last Tuesday's stage brought down the final clean-up of the Consolidated Cariboo hydraulic mine. The value of the ingot has not been stated by the company, but it is about \$35,000. This with the first clean-up, nearly \$115,000, will give \$150,000 for the season.

As stated in the Journal last week, excavating for the bedrock flume is being pushed ahead and it is hoped that the flume will be completed this winter so that tipping on the bedrock will be begun next spring. There is about 2,000 feet of bedrock carrying 70 to 80 or 100 feet in depth of gravel that has not been touched. Undoubtedly the gravel carries an enormous amount of gold, and presumably very coarse and heavy.

The old camp is being moved to the new site. The goods have already been moved to the new store and the office fixtures will be moved in a day or two to the new and commodious office. Later the cook house and bunk houses will be moved and next season's operations will be carried on from an entirely new camp near the mouth of the pit.

Water pipes are being laid all over the new camp and Manager Hobson will have the best and most convenient camp in Cariboo if not in the province.—Ashcroft Journal.

Charles Boydell was charged at the police court yesterday with assaulting a Chinaman. The defendant struck a Celestial while under the influence of liquor and was assessed \$10 and costs.

Dr. Holstead, who has been visiting Dr. Bowser's family for a couple of days, has gone to Portland, Ore., where he is to deliver an address before the State Medical Association. Dr. Holstead is one of the most prominent surgeons of Chicago.

THREW UP THE BOND

LONDON & B. C. GOLD FIELDS WILL NOT HOLD THE EVA GROUP.

PROGRESS AT THE ONONDAGA—RETURNS FROM RICH I. X. L. ORE.

The London & B. C. Gold Fields, Limited, has thrown up its bond on the Eva group on Lexington mountain, near Camborne. The bond was for the purchase of the property at \$250,000, and a small payment had been made at the time the company took over the claims. In referring to the matter, Oliver Wethered, chairman of the company, said while in Rossland on Sunday: "I regret very much that we were not able to do anything with the Lardeau property, and I would like to point out that our decision does not by any means cast any reflection on the merit of the proposition. What we look for is a large property on which we would be justified in expending say £100,000, and which would give us an ample supply for a mill containing 100 to 200 stamps. On investigation we concluded that the Eva would not suit our book. It will undoubtedly be a very good property for the syndicate which owns it, but it did not have the 'magnitude' that we seek in a gold property."

THE ONONDAGA

Carlyle N. Jones, superintendent of the Onondaga mine, was in the city yesterday for a few hours. He stated that matters were moving along quietly, and that work was proceeding steadily in the mine and mill. Stopping was under way in the left drift and the mill was being operated continuously, an abundance of water being available since the recent rains. He expects the Messrs. Will to visit Rossland in the course of a few weeks.

It may not be known in Rossland that the Onondaga property, have recently suffered severe losses by fire at their New York wax plants. Two of the factories were burned to the ground, the aggregate loss on one being \$180,000, and the second \$100,000. The amount of insurance is not known. Rossland friends will learn of the facts with sincere regret.

BIG RETURNS.

Referring to the ore shipments from the I. X. L. mine, John S. Baker, the Tacoma man who controls the stock in the company, gives some interesting figures. He has had the records of all shipments compiled, with the aggregate that it is shown that the aggregate amount of ore shipped by the company \$64,275. A demonstration of the value of bonanza ore, such as is frequently extracted from the I. X. L., is given when it is stated that of the amount shipped 12,93 tons alone netted the mine \$23,669. It is extremely probable that these returns are the greatest ever obtained from any one mine in this province, and the figures will be difficult to excel on the Pacific coast.

Referring to the future programme for the I. X. L., Mr. Baker states that he has decided to take no action in the direction of resuming work until his engineer, Roy H. Clarke, recovers from the illness that now prevents him from attending to his duties. Mr. Clarke is in Spokane, and it is probable that a month will elapse before he is fully able to return to Rossland and see to the work at the mine. Mr. Baker believes that at the time of his return he will personally revisit Rossland and go over the ground with Mr. Clarke, and that they will eventually determine to sink from the lower level in the mine on the promising copper showing found some 150 feet from the portal of the fourth tunnel.

COLUMBIA NOTES.

Looking for Mines—A Risk Demand for Houses.

COLUMBIA, B.C., Sept. 19.—Charles McDonald, M.E., representing an eastern syndicate, is here looking over water properties with a view to investment. The syndicate is composed of Montreal capitalists who are anxious to secure some of the promising properties of this district. Mr. McDonald has been over some of the Franklin camp properties, and speaks very highly of some of the properties of that camp. He offered to bond Tom Newby & Co.'s group for \$60,000 with a cash payment of \$6,000 down and a large payment in 90 days, but one of Mr. Newby's partners would not accept the proposition and the deal has fallen through.

Mr. Henry White returned last evening from a trip to Spokane, where he went on business, and whilst there took in the fair. Mr. White has opened up a mining and real estate office here.

John McIntosh, owner of the Pacific hotel of this place, returned last evening from a week's holiday in Spokane, where he attended the fall fair. John says Spokane is a hummer, but Columbia looks good to him.

Business is good at a premium here now owing to the rush. All empty buildings are rapidly filling, and in a few days it will be impossible to obtain a house in town.

THE BELL AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

The bell at the Church of the Sacred Heart has been repaired and the Angelus is now rung daily at 7 a. m., noon and 6 p. m. A prayer is prescribed for the faithful on the pealing of the Angelus.

D. A. McLean, of Grand Forks, was in the city yesterday en route to Collingwood. He left for the east on the noon train.

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