FROM OTHER CAMPS

Preparing for the Winter Season's Work in B. C.

GREAT ACTIVITY IN BOUNDARY

Mining Notes of Properties in East Kootenay the Slocan, Trout Lake and the Boundary Creek Country—But Little News From Standard Properties in the Slocan.

With the exception of the important deal in East Kootenay, where the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate have consolidated their interests with the Canadian Gold Fields company, the details of which have all been published in these columns there is but little mining news of moment from other mining camps in southeastern British Columbia. Appended will be found mining notes from the Slocan, East Kootenay, Trout Lake and the Boundary Creek country showing the progress made in the districts mentioned.

IN BOUNDARY CAMPS.

Preparing for Winter Work—Many Busy Properties—Strike on the Mystery.

The Pontifex company has laid in supplies for 12 men for the winter.

The Yankee Boy and Girl will make another test shipment of ore to the Trail smelter. The last shipment came up to all expectations.

After a three-weeks' lay off, operations on the Mother Lode will be renewed and maintained throughout the coming winter.

Work on the Ennismore, which is looking more and more promising every day, it is stated will continue during the winter months.

A new and rich strike is reported to have been made on the Elmore, and that 100 feet of solid ore has been uncovered on the surface.

The Thistle, which adjoins the Elmore, is working four men at present. A shaft will be sunk 50 feet and a crosscut made.

The Cannonball management is building a wagon road to its works over which to haul its new machinery to be installed immediately on arrival.

The shaft is 87 feet down on the Sailor. In crosscutting at a depth of 75 feet they cut four veins of quartz, with ledge matter 15 feet between the walls.

The shaft of the Kittie W. on the Pathfinder mountain, north fork of Kettle river, having just penetrated the iron capping has come into solid ore at a depth of 15 feet. Work will be continued all winter, and crosscuts will be driven later on from the 100-foot level.

The Waterloo is looking well. Work of sinking another 100 feet to the 200-foot level will be commenced shortly. The five-stamp mill is working day and night and the result of the clean-up will be announced shortly. The capacity of the plant will be doubled in January.

Sinking in the winze on the Phil Sheridan, of the Earthquake group on the north fork of Kettle river, is being continued with two shafts, and the workings are all in ore. Superintendent Evans claims he has the same ledge as the Golden Eagle, in rich adjoining property.

A strike of good ore has recently been made in the 80-foot tunnel of the Mystery, which across the face of the tunnel assays an average of $10 in gold. Work on this mine is being prosecuted with vigor and will probably be continued for some time.

Work on the John Bull is being energetically pushed. The tunnel will be driven 20 feet further which will take it in 200 feet, its face being about 200 feet from the surface. At this point crosscutting will be commenced. The tunnel is in almost solid ore.

The Buckingham is another apparently rich claim. One surface shot revealed six feet of solid ore. When the surface work has demonstrated the best point to start at, work on it will begin and it is intended to continue developing the entire winter. The Buckingham adjoins the John Bull on the north.

F. H. Oliver, manager of the Morrison mine, reports that that property continues to look well as development advances. The south drift is now in 120 feet driven in ore all the way. The work will be continued for 200 or 300 feet further when an advantageous point will be chosen for the sinking of the main shaft, and an upraise made to the surface.

Assays from the Last Mine in Summit camp are very satisfactory. The latest gave $23.15 in gold, $1.51 in silver and $12.54 in copper at 10c. This total of $37.20 was obtained from a general sampling of a four-foot vein, taken at the bottom of a surface trench. The vein is said to be almost vertical, and a tunnel less than 100 feet in length should cut it and give a good deal of stoping ground.

The main working shaft of the Kamloops is down nearly 80 feet. The ledge it is expected, will be encountered at a depth of 150 feet. A crosscut will be run from the 100-foot level. The ledge has also been opened by a series of open cuts, and several shafts including one of 50 feet. It varies in width in the main shaft from three to five feet. A 30-horse power boiler and hoist has just been ordered. A plant will be installed as soon as the development opens up enough ore to supply a 10-stamp mill. Although high assays have been obtained, the average values are about $15 per ton.

THE SLOCAN.

Ore in Sight on American Boy—Strike on the Hartney Group.

The Bosun-Fidelity mines have been surveyed.

The Jackson shipped 41 tons of ore from Whitewater last week.

The American Boy is estimated to have $540,000 worth of ore in sight.

There are two car loads of ore ready for shipment at the Noonday.

The Capella has opened a new ore chute which is said to have very promising indications.

The Wakefield concentrator is going ahead quite rapidly.

The Torpedo, near New Denver, is showing a good ledge of galena that assays 192 ounces silver.

Five men have been put on at the Ajax to sink on the vein in to No. 2 tunnel.

It is reported that operations will be commenced at the Treasure Vault next week.

A crown grant is being applied for for the Crown Point mineral claim, in the Jackson basin.

A tunnel contract will be let on the Peoria, in Jackson basin. The company has recently been reorganized.

The new compressor at the Queen Bess will be operated by water power from a flume on Howser creek.

The owners of the Volunteer and Six Friends, at the head of Kaslo creek, are applying for a crown grant.

The Adlin will soon be a shipper as a great deal of development work has been done with satisfactory results.

The Rustler and Backland claims on Red mountain have recently been secured by Frank Watson and will be developed all winter.

Much activity is said to be seen around the Enterprise mine and preparations are being made to accommodate a much larger force than ever before.

The Lucky Jim in October was working 40 men, about 15 in November up to last week, when it closed down pending a change in management. It is said there are 2,000 tons of ore blocked out in the workings.

The following is a statement of ore shipped from Whitewater station for the week ending November 17:

Mine	Tons.
Jackson	16
Whitewater	43
Total	59

A long tunnel will be commenced on the Chicago in the near future. F. P. O'Neil goes to Spokane shortly on business in connection with the property.

The Free Silver mineral claim adjoining the Let Her Go Gallagher, in the Hot Springs camp, has been surveyed and the owners are applying for a crown grant.

Operations have been temporarily suspended on the Standard, above Cody, as the operators are making preparations for carrying out an extensive plan of systematic development. The surface work has proven most satisfactory and the assays are surprisingly rich. Cabins are completed and trails in shape for a good winter's work.

A rich strike is reported on the Hartney group, on Silver mountain. Last week work was commenced some distance down the hill and already a showing of two feet of mineral is exposed. About a foot of this is concentrating, but the remainder is clean shipping ore and it is believed that as depth is attained the whole ledge will prove to be solid ore.

EAST KOOTENAY.

Work on the St. Eugene—Big Chief, North Star, and other Properties.

Work on the Try Again is being pushed.

The work of building the new tramway at the North Star mine is progressing rapidly. Early next year it will be in operation.

The grading of the North Star branch railway is nearing completion. It is stated that the rails will be laid to the St. Mary's river in a short time.

At the Swansea there are 2,000 sacks of ore ready for shipment. A raw hide trail is being made, and the ore will be shipped to the steamboat landing this winter.

Work is progressing on the Golden Five group at the forks of the Wild Horse.

But little information has come from Tracy and Lewis during the past week. It is learned that work is being continued on the various claims in that section. Work on the Minnie M. and Tiger, Estella, and John L. will be continued through the winter.

A deal for the Bear group on Bugaboo creek north of Windermere, is now pending. This is the property on which a wonderful strike was reported two or three weeks ago.

The shaft on the Pretty Girl was down 68 feet when the foreman stopped work. The mine, which is situated near Windermere, was looking well, with a body of gray copper ore showing for a width of two and a half feet, and giving the fine assay returns of gold $2, silver 50 ounces, copper 23 per cent.

A small force of men is now engaged in the further development of the Big Chief mines on Boulder creek. On the arrival of Mr. Egan the force will be increased and the mine thoroughly developed during the winter.

Work will be commenced shortly on the Union group. A tunnel will be started to crosscut the ledge 300 feet down. Several men will be employed in the work.

On the Chickamon Stone the work is being continued with the same force, although it will not be long before more men are employed, and not less than 25 will be required for the work mapped out for this winter. As the work progresses the ore seems to improve in grade and ore bodies are widening out. Shipments will commence before many weeks and they will be continuous.

The tunnel on the Dupont is now in over 100 feet on the lead, which continues about three feet wide. Recent assays of ore taken from the face of the tunnel gave an average of $16.53 per ton. So far the work being done on the Dupont is most satisfactory.

On the John Bull claim, the tunnel is now in 60 feet, with six feet of solid ore between diorite walls: on the hanging wall there is two feet of high-grade copper ore. There are two other leads on the claims, each about six feet wide with a good showing of iron and copper ore.

The St. Eugene concentrator is practically finished. The building for the air compressor is up, but the boilers are the only portions of the machinery yet to arrive. The cables for the aerial tramway are being strung and a few days more will make the line complete between the mine and the mill. The new St. Eugene business office is finished and is now occupied by the management.

LARDEAU AND TROUT LAKE.

The Nettie L. to Ship 500 Tons This Winter—Work on the Cup.

The Cup people have guaranteed to S. Daney the carriage of 260 tons of ore this winter. The guaranteed quantity of ore may be very largely increased, but nothing definite regarding this will be known for a week or so yet. According to rumor, though, the amount mentioned above may be augmented by 200 tons.

Work on the Silver Bell on FiveMile is progressing satisfactorily. The boys are now in 50 feet, and the ledge at this distance is heavily mineralized, giving promise of the proximity of a very large ore body. Five men are working at this mine.

Malcolm Matheson and Ole Peterson are working on the Copper Chief ,a claim situated on Trout creek, about four miles from Trout lake. This property was one of the big strikes of 1898, and steps are being taken to have it thoroughly developed.

GRAND FORKS INTELLIGENCE

NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN B. C. MINE AND TRAIL SMELTER.

Work on the Construction of a Hospital to Cost $10,000 to Be Begun Shortly—The Pathfinder Mine.

Grand Forks, Nov. 15.—[Special.]—Major R. G. Edwards Leckie, general manager of the Republic and B. C. mines, states that negotiations with the Trail smelter for the treatment of the ores of the B. C. for a period of six months or longer, are just about concluded. Shipments will be made as soon as the rails reach the mine. This will be within a week at the latest, as the track-laying gang has already reached the Oro Denero. When the ten or eleven thousand tons of ore on the dump are disposed of, the mine will be sufficiently developed to make continuous shipments. The new plant will be installed as soon as it arrives from Montreal.

Hon. J. Fred Hume, minister of mines, Victoria, was here yesterday. He is making a tour of the Boundary country.

The work of construction on a new general hospital to cost from $10,000 to $15,000, will be commenced shortly. Jay P. Graves, on behalf of the smelter company, has donated a free site on the west bank of the Kettle river, nearly opposite the smelter grounds. Substantial financial aid will be given by Mr. Graves and his associates, as sick or injured employes of the smelter and their various mines will be treated in the institution. The attending physician will be Dr. Northrop. The dimensions of the building will be 84 x 116 feet. There will be a ward for males and females, as well as an operating room.

Jay P. Graves, on behalf of the Granby smelter has agreed to furnish electrical energy to the Loder smelter, which is to be built on an adjoining site shortly, at the rate of $60 per horse-power per annum. The new smelter will only require 100-horse power. Mr. Graves states that his reduction works will be in operation, at the latest, about the 1st of March, 1900. Over 50 per cent of the construction work is already completed.

The Pathfinder mine on the north fork of Kettle river, 15 miles from Grand Forks is now virtually on a shipping basis. A carload of ore will shortly be sent to the Trail smelter, preliminary to the commencement of regular shipments as soon as the roads improve.

The development on the property within the past two years, independently of surface workings, buildings and other improvements, has cost $26,000. About 560 feet of drifting and tunnelling have been done, 160 feet of which has been done along vein No. 3, 110 feet being in a good grade of ore. The deepest shaft at present has been sunk to a depth of 115 feet, though about 200 feet of sinking has been done at other places. There is about 100 feet of crosscuts, distributed between the 50-foot shaft and 110-foot level of the No. 1 shaft, and the 65-foot level of the No. 3 shaft. Four veins have been proved upon the property, three being practically parallel, and lying along the contact of two parallel dykes of porphyry, and the fourth lying nearly at right angles. The veins, so far as are prospected, show a good width, in places as high as 16 feet, and assays extending over a period of seven months of daily sampling, show a working average varying from $7 to $15 in gold, three to eight ounces of silver, and 2.9 to 4 per cent of copper to the ton. The ore is what is known as iron and copper sulphide, and presents an excellent smelting proposition. An aerial tram a mile and a half long will be built from the mine to the proposed railway spur which has already been surveyed and located.

The company is capitalized at $1,000,000 in fully paid up and non-assessable stock, at a par value of $1 each. Of the 350,000 shares placed in the treasury, 196,000 shares have been sold and the balance is on the market.

Grand Forks, Nov. 17.—(Special.)—The clean up last week on the Granite and Banner, Camp McKinney, from the treatment of 40 tons of ore in a five-stamp mill, was a gold brick valued at $697. The ore was taken from the winze in the tunnel and is improving in character every day. Thirteen samples gave returns ranging from $17 to $38 per ton. Superintendent Hays has submitted a report to the directors recommending the installation of ten additional stamps.

Aulay Morrison, M. P., New Westminster, is in town, and will make a tour of the Boundary camps.

John Keogh, a well known mining operator of Colville, Wash., is here looking after his various mining interests. Less than three years ago he bought the B. C. claim, then an unknown prospect in Summit camp, for $400, and subsequently sold it for $60,000 cash. The property is now valued by its present owners, James Ross and Clarence J. McCuaig of Montreal, at upwards of $1,000,000.

The discovery of its richness as related by Mr. Keogh, reads like a romance. He owned several claims in the vicinity, and one winter's day while hunting with his son West, found himself on the B. C. claim, which at that time was popularly classified in the category of wild-cats. Crossing a little knoll his son halted, and pointing to the snow-covered ground, facetiously remarked that it ought to be a likely looking place for mineral. Suiting his action to the word he vigorously wielded a pick he carried, and in a few minutes uncovered some fine copper ore on the very surface. The purchase of the property for $400 from the absent owner subsequently followed. Mr. Keogh then uncovered the ledge with two open cuts 27 and 36 feet respectively. The depth he attained did not exceed eight feet. Within eight months he sold out for $60,000, not forgetting to substantially reward his son.

Mr. Keogh recently located the Mono, 18 miles from Colville, and says that it bids fair to make a mine. In a series of open cuts he has ores similar in character and values to the Le Roi mine in Rossland. The property is five miles from the Bonanza, a dividend payer.

During his visit here today a memorial was presented to the Hon. J. Fred Hume, minister of mines, on behalf of a number of alien miners who contemplate becoming British subjects, requesting that the provincial legislature at its next session amend the law governing the admission of foreigners to citizenship. It was pointed out that the statute as at present enacted required all applicants to make their declarations before the county court judge. It was alleged that the transfer of the allegiance of thousands of aliens, including hundreds of Americans, would be accomplished more expeditiously and on a more extensive scale if authority to take affidavits was conferred on justices of the peace or mining recorders. Scores of prospective citizens, it was represented, spent most of their time in the hills, and through ignorance of the precise date of the visit of the county judges were unable to come to town to fulfil the requirements.

Product of Ymir Gold Mines.

The Ymir Gold Mines furnished the following account of its operations during October: One thousand five hundred and fifty tons were milled, producing 1,100 ozs. bullion, 97 tons of concentrates. We shipped 97 tons of concentrates and 56 tons of smelting ore. Total receipts for month are $22,062. Expenses $5,041.

Old Gold and Primrose.

In our issue of the 16th inst., on page 7, in an article referring to the Old Gold and Primrose companies, the article should have stated that in crosscut No. 2 in the Old Gold tunnel there has been exposed eight inches of high grade solid ore, showing considerable of grey copper and three feet of high grade concentrating ore.

NORWEGIAN DISASTERS.

Appeal by the Vice-Consul for Aid for the Afflicted.

The following letter has been received at this office from the Royal Norwegian and Swedish consulate:

Editor Rossland Miner: I am sending you a copy of the Daily Colonist, from which you will note that there has been a terrible disaster in Norway. I have been asked by the Society for the Protection of Norwegian Fisheries to open a subscription for a relief fund, and I would ask you to appeal to the Norwegian people through the medium of your press to forward subscriptions to you, which you might in turn forward on to me. I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

W. A. WARD, Vice-consul.

Nov. 16, 1899.

The item in the Colonist referred to is as folows:

Norwegian Disasters.—Mr. W. A. Ward, vice-consul for Norway and Sweden in this city, has received a circular telling of two terrible disasters off the coast of Norway, by which several hundred persons lost their lives and many fishing smacks and other property was destroyed. The government immediately gave a sum for distribution amongst those who lost all, in order to enable them to purchase new fishing gear with which to try their luck again. And from all parts of the country contributions are coming in for the relief of the families of the deceased. Collections are being made in all the churches and everything is being done to lessen the need of the sufferers. Contributions can be sent to "The Society for the Protection of Norwegian Fisheries," in Bergen, Norway, or will be received at the office of the Norwegian-Swedish consulate here.

ROSSLAND RIFLES.

Annual Inspection by Lieut.-Colonel Peters, D. O. C., at the Rink.

The first annual inspection of the Rossland Rifle corps took place last evening at the skating rink. The inspecting officer was Lieut.-Colonel Peters, D. O. C. The company mustered over 30 of all ranks, several being on leave and three on their way to the front in South Africa. Lieut.-Colonel Peters had the men put through the company formations, the manual and firing exercises and at the close expressed his regret that Major-General Hutton had found himself unable to be present. He stated that the company had been formed part of the permanent force of the Dominion as a nucleus on which to form larger bodies of men should occasion warrant and to aid the civil power should circumstances necessitating their help unfortunately arise. He complimented the men on their smartness, saying that they were fairly well drilled, "he might say—very well drilled." He further declared that it was the intention of the general to form a regiment, the Rocky Mountain Rifles, of which the various Kootenay companies would form part. It was proposed to let these scattered bodies of men meet once a year in camp for 12 days for regimental drill. The camp could hardly be formed in Rossland itself, as the "undulating" nature of the camp was hardly fitted for infantry movements. However, the camp would be as central as possible. As for a drill hall and armory, the gallant colonel said he thought it would come soon. He ended by complimenting Captain Forin on the way he had kept the company together, and, considering all the various delays and difficulties that had supervened, for the efficient manner in which he had grounded his men in their drill. The men then answered to the pay roll and were formally dismissed from parade.

There was quite a large assemblage of spectators, of whom many were ladies, who signified their approval of the soldiery appearance of the men at the close of the proceedings with loud clapping of hands.

Captain Forin states that the company funds will be applied to the formation of a military club and reading room for the winter months, the present armory altered and furnished serving as temporary quarters.

The officers and men of the Rossland Rifles are to be complimented on the public spirit which they have displayed, and on the roll of honor on which are inscribed the histories and deeds of many famous regiments. The record of the Rocky Mountain Rifles will blaze as brightly as any.

Mr. Chamberlain's Thanks.

Mr. Charles G. Ross, of the customs department, has received the following letter, dated November 3rd, from Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, which explains itself:

Sir: Mr. Chamberlain desires me to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of the 16th ult., inclosing a copy of the Rossland Miner containing a report of a meeting held in Rossland, at which a resolution in support of the South African policy of Her Majesty's government was adopted. I am your obedient servant,

GERARD CRAIG SELLAR.

THE MORRISON MINE.

As Development Advances the Property Shows Up Well.

Greenwood, B. C., Nov. 16.—F. H. Oliver, manager of the Morrison mine, reports that the property continues to look well as development advances. The south drift is now in 120 feet, driven in ore all the way. The work will be continued for 200 or 300 feet farther, when an advantageous point will be chosen for the sinking of the main shaft and an upraise made to the surface.

Mr. Oliver is building a wagon road with an easy grade to the mine, which is nearly completed, and when completed several carloads of ore will be shipped as a test. A railway spur will be built into the mine as soon as the position of the main shaft is located. It is not yet decided as to the size of the main shaft, but it will contain two or three compartments and be capable of raising large quantities of ore for shipping, which will be begun at an early date.

CANADIANS VISIT REPUBLIC

HUGH SUTHERLAND AND OTHERS INSPECT THE BIG MINES.

They Are Pleased With What They Saw Sam Hall Is Pushing Work on Properties in His Charge.

Republic, Nov. 14.—They come and they go, do the Canadians. Oliver Godfrey, et al, had already shaken the dust of Republic from their feet when Hugh Sutherland, ex-M.P. for Selkirk; Hugo Ross, a mining broker of Toronto, and D. A. Ross of Camp McKinney, arrived in town. They took in all the prominent mines. Mr. Sutherland is not only an able politician, but he is one of the most prominent mining men in the northwest. He is interested in the North Star at Fort Steele, B. C., and in other British Columbia mines along the line of the railway to Greenwood. He is also interested in the Republic mine, and with Messrs. Ross and Campbell visited the Republic and Mountain Lion. The great ore bodies in both the mines are rather surprising even to Hugh Sutherland, who has visited mines in all countries. He is perfectly satisfied with Republic.

Sam Hall, manager of the Iron Mask in Rossland, has been here. He is also manager of the Quilp, Morning Glory, and Stray Horse in this camp. His talk to The Miner correspondent was rather interesting. The shaft on the Quilp is now down 60 feet. They will sink 100 feet then they will crosscut the lead and put in a five-drill compressor, which will give air enough to work their drills, and the mine will be worked to its utmost capacity, as Mr. Hall is noted for pushing development in all mines of which he has charge. The Morning Glory tunnel is being pushed ahead and it is thought about 30 feet will cut the vein. The drift is now in 80 feet. It will take about two months to get the mine in shape, and then machine drills will be employed and the mine will be thoroughly developed. On the Stray Horse they are sinking a winze to a depth of 100 feet, when they will crosscut and if the vein is as good as it has proven to be on the surface and below, machinery will be installed and Manager Hall will have a busy time in the camp of Republic.

The uncertain course of the great Mountain Lion lead seems rather settled, not, however, as was expected, as instead of the southeast the body seems to pass southwest, through the Lee, thence through the Big Lion, owned by J. C. Coil; from this point it passes through the Lucky Hill, on to the Hillside Gold Mining property. The location of the lead is an important one to the camp, and will result in opening several properties that have heretofore been idle.

COLUMBIA CITY NEWS.

Excellent Reports Being Brought From the Similkameen.

Columbia, B. C., Nov. 17.—Excellent reports are being brought into Columbia by mining men who have been in the Similkameen all the summer. Copper mountain, 12 miles south of Princeton, is one of the best known mineral deposits, though Kennedy mountain, just across the Similkameen river, is proving almost equally rich. Friday creek and Roche river are also holding out flattering promises to locators. The Tulameen joins the main river at Princeton. For 80 miles it flows through a rugged region of rough peaks and deep valleys, and has already, though but partly explored, afforded abundant surface indications.

The Sunset on Copper mountain is being developed under the superintendence of Mr. R. A. Brown. The shaft is in ore.

The Nickel Plate, on Twenty-Mile creek, is understood to be showing up so well that its owners have asked and received permission from the Indian department for a mill and smelter site on the Indian reservation at the junction of Twenty-Mile creek with the Similkameen.

The ores at Keremeos are copperpyrites in diorite and quartz.

Native copper is being found in considerable quantities in the Opulence, and an average of assays gives fully 20 per cent copper. A tunnel of the Dolphin has disclosed an ore body which may also be traced on the surface, where it has been trenched.

The Golconda tunnel is now in 130 feet. The Copper King has a shaft down 30 feet. On the Elkhorn group a large body of sulphide ore has been opened up.

On Bullion mountain an 800-foot tunnel has been started, which it is believed will cut the main vein at 700 feet, and open one or two smaller ledges. The Searchlight tunnel has reached a point 30 feet in, and assays give encouraging results.

A new trail is being opened into the Upper Keremeos valley by Messrs. Black & Woodcroft. They are interested in the Gem group, and will use the trail to take in machinery and supplies.

The Dividend group has a very large body of iron-copper ore, which has been reached by the tunnel. It has not been crosscut as yet, but the width is thought to be great.

It is stated around Trout Lake that the Nettie L. people will endeavor to ship 500 tons of ore during the coming winter.

THE NEWS OF COLUMBIA CAMP

A CONSTANT STREAM OF VISITORS IN THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

A Delightful Romance—An Italian Count Cuts Out the Local Men and Wins a Bride—Mining Notes.

Columbia, B. C., Nov. 14.—(Special.)—A constant stream of mining men passes through Columbia, either heading for the camps or else returning east. Yesterday we had Mr. W. F. Walker, of the Redding-Jackson Co., brokers, Rossland, on his way to the Oro Denoro. There seems to be a great deal of interest taken in that property just now, no doubt for cause, as whispers of remarkably rich chutes of ore find their way into the valley.

Mr. T. Edgar Plewman, also one of Rossland's brokers, has broken bread in Columbia on his way to the Winnipeg. The recent discovery of a large body of ore in the 300-foot level has no doubt interested Mr. Plewman, as indeed it has thousands of others.

Mr. William Chaplin of St. Catharines, Ont., a wealthy bicycle manufacturer, was here for a couple of days last week. He was most enthusiastic as to the advantages and prospects of Columbia.

One of those delightful romances which come as rays of sunlight to cheer the weary workers of a grim every-day world, has just been unearthed in this happy valley. A maiden, fair as a mountain flower, has grown to womanhood on the banks of the Kettle river. The men of the valley had become so accustomed to having the hardy old prospector's daughter hanging around, that they were blind to the changes that were being wrought in her, and failed to see that the little wild thing they had known for so long, chasing butterflies and gathering mushrooms, had blossomed into a superb beauty. Things went on thusly until one fine day a son of Italy, a count with the blood of several kings in his veins, it is said, came along, and before the local youths had recovered from their surprise at his audacity, had plucked the fair flower. The wedding is to take place in a few days, the happy pair sailing for the bridegroom's ancient castle near Lake Como, where the honeymoon will be spent.

A great catastrophy has happened to our fall agricultural exhibit. The 21-pound cabbage, the pride of our eye, as well as the 16 1-2-pound turnip, one of the joys of our existence, not to mention sundry other high-grade vegetables, were all devoured by some degraded animal during the hours of darkness. Mr. Maybee's cow is under suspicion. We could have forgiven much to a thoroughbred Jersey, but this crushing blow is too much, and agricultural enthusiasm has received a setback from which it will not recover for many moons.

The Byrnes brothers are sinking on the May Queen on Hardy mountain. The main shaft is down 40 feet and some very good ore is being taken out. Work is to continue all winter.

The first consignment of dry lumber from Mr. G. C. Stout's mill at Slocan City is expected today. Mr. Shook is building a frost proof warehouse in which to store the produce that he will import from the northwest and California. A portations. Mr. Shook may go into partnership with Mr. Charles Ingram of this car of apples will be one of the first in city, who has already been in the same line of business for some time and has done well.

FROM THE RECORDS.

Bills of Sale.

Hugh McRae to John Ferguson McCrae, the Little Egypt claim on Big Sheep creek for $1.

John Callahan to Simon Page, the Grand Junction, St. Phillippe and Victoria mineral claims on Big Sheep creek for $2,000 cash and 45,000 shares in a company to be formed as per agreement of even date.

Wilson Pyper to Robert W. Smith, the Evening Star fraction on Monte Christo mountain for $1.

R. W. Smith to O. M. Colquhoun, the Evening Star fraction on Monte Christo mountain for $1.

W. H. Jackson to J. R. Battisby, the Centre Star and Trilby claims on Green mountain.

B. Tompkins to G. H. J. Sproat, the Pilot claim at Waterloo landing, for $1.

Robert H. Smith to R. W. Northey, the Columbia View claim on Record mountain for $1.

Power of Attorney.

John Callahan to Siffrons Lefebvre, general power to sell and dispose of the Grand Junction, St. Phillippe and Victoria mineral claims on Champion creek.

Certificates of Work.

To J. A. J. Moore on the Last Chance.

To Charles Pinneo on the Black Hawk.

To same on the Oregon.

To A. J. McMillan on the Grace Darling.

To same on the Magna Charta.

To same on the Copper Bar.

To H. E. McDonald on the Black Iron.

To J. R. Cranston on the Gold Dollar.

To C. E. Bennett on the Gambetta.

To C. E. Bennett on the Parrott.

To E. Baillie et al. on the Abbotsford.

To same on the Worcester.

To F. Aug. Heinze on the Longwood fraction.

Receipt in Lieu of Work.

To E. A. Paterson on the Triumph fraction for $100.

Certificates of Improvement.

To Lulu F. Largey, administrator of G. A. Largey, deceased, and Geo. E. Pfunder, on the Chance claim on Green mountain.

To Harold Rickards and Victor L. Clemence on the Road View claim on Sheep creek.

To Thomas Smirl, Mike O'Neil, Lake W. Wolford, Alexander Rogers, Mary F. Hennessy and David B. Bogle on the Iron Hill claim on Lake mountain.

To the Golden Plate Consolidated Mining company limited, on the Golden Plate claim on Champion creek.

To same company on the Saratoga claim.

To same company on the Watersmeet claim.

Work will not be commenced in full blast at the Silver Queen until the car and track are laid down in the tunnel.