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## MINES AND MINING

**White Bear Gold Mining & Milling Company Being Reorganized.**

**ITS SHARES INCREASED**

But Their Value Has Been Cut Down From \$1 to 10 Cents—A Strike on the Mother Lode in the Burnt Basin Is Reported.

James J. Warren, barrister of Toronto, who is largely interested in the White Bear Gold Mining & Milling company, is in the city. He reports that the White Bear company is now undergoing the process of reorganization. The intention in the first place is to change the company from an American to a provincial corporation. The capital stock is to be cut down from 3,000,000 \$1. shares to 3,000,000 10 cents shares; in other words the capital will be cut down from \$2,000,000 to \$300,000. This will give the company \$100,000 as a working capital in the shape of 1,000,000 10 cent shares. The management think that the property is a good one and feels certain that the same vein that runs through the Black Bear and the Le Roi extends through their property. The shareholders have subscribed for \$9,000 worth of the company's new shares. It is expected that they will, just as soon as the organization is completed, take between \$5,000 and \$7,000 more. This considerable sum will give ample capital to recommence work on the property. The shareholders will, from time to time as there is need for it, purchase the treasury shares until the property has been placed on a paying basis. So far a total of \$50,000 has been expended in development work and it is confidently expected that long before the present treasury shares have all been disposed of a pay chute will have been discovered. A meeting will be held in Spokane on Tuesday next for the purpose of arranging the final details of the reorganization.

The property of the White Bear is in a good position. It is situated on the northern slope of Deer Park mountain, between the Black Bear and the San Francisco properties. It has a fine surface showing and is considered to be among the better class of properties in the Boundary Creek country.

Staked 15 Claims.

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## Work on the Swansea.

There was a report extant yesterday to the effect that a rich strike of copper ore had been made on the Swansea claim, in the Windermere country, which is being operated by the Darby Mining company, but it could not be traced to a reliable source. It was learned, however, that the shaft is now down to a depth of 90 feet, and that crosscutting has been commenced at that point for the purpose of tapping the ledge, which is supposed to be only a short distance away from the shaft. There are ample funds in the treasury, and the intention is to carry on work uninterruptedly during the coming summer and fall.

The Yellowstone Plant.

Mr. Aldrich, who has the contract for installing the plant of the Yellowstone group near Salmo, is in the city. He reports that the plant, which consists of a hoist, boilers and a five-drill compressor will be ready to start in a few days. It was a big task to get this machinery in over the trail, and it was not accomplished without a good deal of hard work. The intention of the parties who are operating the Yellowstone is to push work on the property with greater vigor than ever as soon as the plant can be operated. The showing on the Yellowstone group indicates that the mineral deposits are large and of high grade.

A. J. McMillan has purchased a large hoisting and pumping plant from the James Cooper Manufacturing company for the Snowshoe property in the Boundary country. The intention is to begin the development of the Snowshoe on an extensive scale. This property was recently bonded by Mr. McMillan for one of his London companies. It has a fine surface showing, and is considered to be among the better class of properties in the Boundary Creek country.

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Will Resume Work on the Heather Bell.

Frank S. Davis, manager of the Heather Bell Mining & Milling company, is in the city on his way to the properties of the company in the Sloan, for the purpose of beginning operations for the season. It is his intention to put six men at work. There is a good showing of ore in the properties. There are four claims in the group. This property was shut down owing to an accident last year.

## THE GOLDEN CROWN.

The Compressor Is Now in Operation on the Property.

The five-drill compressor on the Brandon & Golden Crown has been installed and is now in operation. The force working on the property has been augmented, and now there are about 20 men at work. From now on the work is to be pushed ahead faster than ever. The shaft is now attained a depth of 156 feet, and crosscuts and drifts have been made on the 50-foot level, the 100-foot level and the 156-foot level. The intention is to deepen the shaft to at least 300 feet. Crosscuts and drifts will be run at intervals of 100 feet as depth is attained. There is considerable ore on the dump, and by the time the Columbia Western railway is completed in the Boundary Creek country there will be large reserves ready for shipment to the smelter.

Work on the Jumbo.

The lower tunnel has been driven in for a distance of 225 feet, and for the past 40 feet has been in iron ore, which carries considerable quartz. For the past few feet there has been an iron ore in the character of the ore. Mr. R. Galusha, the manager of the property, is expected here from Spokane today.

## HAS RESUMED HIS DUTIES.

John Kirkup Once More at His Office and Conducting Its Affairs.

John Kirkup, gold commissioner and mining recorder for the Boundary Creek division, returned home on Saturday night after an absence of about two months, and yesterday was seen as usual in his office. During his absence he has spent many of his time in Southern California, though he first went to Victoria and spent a few days there. He afterwards went to Santa Rosa, Petaluma, San Francisco and then south to Los Angeles, San Diego, Riverside and other points there. He said the climate there was like summer here. He came back fully recovered in health and ready for good hard work again.

He at once took charge of the office and began the work of examining the applications for certificates of improvement, of which there were a little over 30 when the office closed. As already published in The Miner the fact that these have lain over and that the law has been changed, will make no monetary difference to the applicants, but there will be, of course, a little delay in a few cases. All these certificates of improvement have to be personally attended to by the gold commissioner and the books searched back to find the actual status and the true ownership of the claim before the certificate can be granted.

As to the question of the gold commissioner, Mr. Kirkup said he did not know as yet what would be done after the first of July, beyond which date no provision had been made by the government, and he was as yet unaware what the government would do in the matter. These claims will call it into effect. In the meantime Mr. Kirkup has reassumed his duties as mining recorder, which have been temporarily performed by H. R. Townsend.

Just as soon as the pressure of work in connection with certificates of improvement has been removed Mr. Kirkup will take up with James M. Martin, M. P., the question of the appropriation for the roads, and by the end of this week or the beginning of next, the matter will be determined, subject, of course, to the approval of the lieutenant-governor-in-council.

One company alone ordered 4,000 copies of the Rossland Miner's map of the camp. There are only a few left. The price has been reduced to 50 cents.

## THE MINING REVIEW

### New Strike in the War Eagle of Splendid Ore.

Shippments Are a Little Lighter Than Last Week, but Are Still Looking Well—Columbia & Kootenay May Soon Become a Shipper.

The attention of mining men has been devoted during the past week chiefly to the great Iron Mask-Centre Star suit and the principals of these two mines have spent very nearly the whole of their time in court. In consequence the Iron Mask has shipped no ore at all this week, and the War Eagle less than was expected. There was a fine strike made in the latter mine on Thursday when the shaft was being sunk and at the 750-foot level a six-foot vein of ore was found. This was chiefly iron and copper, but the assays also showed \$60 in gold, making it one of the best strikes of the year. The A. C. properties are all looking well and new machinery is being put into a number of them. A new hoisting plant is about to be installed in the great Western mine, and what that is ready to work will be vigorously prosecuted. It is not unlikely that the Columbia-Kootenay mine may become a permanent shipper in the early summer. A new hoisting plant is to be installed in No. 1 mine as early as possible and this is designed for a depth of 1,000 feet.

Ore Shippments.

There was a slight falling off in the shippments of ore from Rossland camp during the past week owing to the fact that some of the stopes in the Le Roi were being retimbered, and that necessitated a reduction of shippments. The War Eagle increased its shippments during the week, but the Iron Mask did not ship a single carload. This will be changed during the coming week, and the total shippment for these two metals, the cars that can be obtained, while the War Eagle will daily increase its shippment.

The shippments from Rossland camp for the week ending April 29, are as follows:

Mine	Week	Tons	Year	Tons
Le Roi	.....	2,205	.....	23,735
War Eagle	.....	1,575	.....	8,740
Evening Star	.....	36	.....	36
Deer Park	.....	18	.....	18
Total	.....	3,790	.....	33,717

War Eagle—On Thursday last a six-foot vein of iron and copper ore was struck in the shaft on the War Eagle mine at the 750-foot level, which is now being explored, and which assays \$60 in gold. So far the ore held out in value and in width and it promises to be one of the most valuable chutes in the mine. The shippments this week amounted to 1,575 tons or 216 more than last week, although it is understood that the rate of the main shaft continues at the rate of about 15 feet a week. The new hoist has not yet been taken over and may not be for a week or two yet, though it is being run on the old hoist.

Columbia-Kootenay.—Mr. Haskins, the new superintendent of the Columbia-Kootenay, takes charge of the mine today in succession to Mr. Macdonald, who resigns to engage in business for himself. The work on the shaft, which has now reached a depth of 185 feet.

Josie and Annie.—The station in the 300-foot level is being cut out in the Josie mine, and it is expected that the shaft is excavating on the surface for a gallovaner and new hoist, which are now under construction at the shops. On the Annie shaft are crosscutting through the Josie shaft.

Centre Star.—A large amount of the work being done on the Centre Star is as yet devoted to obtaining evidence in the suit pending with the Iron Mask, but everything is now ready for shipping as soon as the management decides to commence, and there is a large amount of ore stopped out ready for shipment.

Wallingford.—Work on the crosscut tunnel continues with a night and day shift. It is probable that the work in the shaft will soon be recommenced for the purpose of determining the extent of the recent find of copper ore made there.

Iron Colt.—Drifting is in progress in the drifts in the Iron Colt. The character of the ore now encountered is of a good grade and the management now feel more confidence in the future of the property than ever.

Joe.—The management states that work will be resumed as soon as the water ceases to flow into the workings. The intention is shortly to let another contract for deepening the shaft.

Nickel Plate.—Work on the Nickel Plate is being concentrated on the new vertical shaft which has been started from the 200-foot level and is being constructed to a depth of 100 feet. The shaft is to be kept up continuously all the summer.

Coxy.—Work on the drift from the upper tunnel continues. There are no developments of note during the past week.

## THE STOCK MARKET

### Another Comparatively Quiet Week Has Been Experienced.

There Was Considerable Trading in Winnipeg—Golden Crowns Are Moving Some—Sales on Rossland and Toronto Exchanges.

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There was some trading in Brandon & Golden Crowns and yesterday 29 cents was bid and 27 cents asked for them on the local exchange. There were sales during the week for 29 cents. Morrisons have been one of the favorites of purchasers during the week and there were transactions in them every day. They sold around 17 cents and closed firm at that figure last evening.

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## McDONALD WAS INDIGNANT.

### Denied the Charge That He Was Exceeding His Instructions.

On what promises to be for the present the last trial day but one of the Iron Mask-Centre Star case, an incident occurred that for a moment threatened to disturb the judicial calm. That was so far removed over the proceedings. Immediately Mr. Justice Walkem took his seat in the morning Mr. MacNeill, Q. C., rose and requested permission to address the court before the waiting witness. Mr. Raymond, gave any further evidence. The plaintiffs, Mr. MacNeill said, were not satisfied with the manner in which the experimental work was being carried on in the Centre Star mine on the Iron Mask ground. D. J. McDonald, who had been placed in charge of the work by the court, had the consent of the court to give specific instructions as to both parties, with the proviso that the work was to be done, was not following the instructions given, but was going down outside of the lines of the mine where work had stopped. The plaintiffs were not satisfied with the work and wished to stop and some new arrangement made at once.

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Mr. Justice Walkem explained that nothing of the sort was intended. It was a question of the work was proceeding strictly in accordance with the order of the court.

It was finally arranged to furnish Mr. McDonald with an exact plan of the workings, showing the lines to be followed, and then the court proceeded on the even tenor of its way, and Dr. W. Raymond continued his evidence in chief. The doctor covered all the questions mentioned by Clarence King, Walter Langren, giving particularly into the question of vein structure, illustrating his views by a specially prepared model, made under his instructions, to show the disputed Centre Star iron vein.

In addition to stating his own views at length the doctor quoted a considerable number of authorities in support of his own expressed opinion. When the court rose at 4:30 the evidence in chief of the witness had just been finished, and today the cross-examination will be gone on with and probably closed.

A summary of Dr. Raymond's evidence, which was listened to with so much interest yesterday, will appear in these columns in due course. The court will meet at 10 a. m. today.

## THE C. & W. ROAD.

Interview With W. F. Tye, Chief Engineer of Construction.

W. F. Tye, chief engineer of construction of the Columbia & Western railway, now the Canadian Pacific, was in the city yesterday and stated that 90 per cent of the grading from Brooklyn west was completed. All the grading, he said, was finished at Grand Forks, and the station at that point will be between Grand Forks and the new city of Columbia, probably a few yards nearer the latter than the former, located near where practically all the grading would certainly not be more than 50 yards nearer Columbia than Grand Forks. As a matter of fact, there was not, he said, more than 100 yards from the boundary of one municipality to the boundary of the other, and the railroad ran between them. The station would be called Grand Forks.

Trackage from Eholt summit to Greenwood was about 25 miles, but the grading had been completed to Eholt summit, 80 miles from Brooklyn, and the line was ready for the rails. From Eholt summit to Greenwood was only eight and a half miles, and the work was light, as the road was practically level. From Greenwood on through the pass was, however, different.

The line from Eholt summit to Greenwood was about 22 miles west of Robson, and was being pushed as rapidly as possible, so as to make it worth while to run trains regularly. The rails being laid down, he said, were 75 pounds per yard, and were practically as heavy as on the main line, there being only about two or three pounds difference in the weight.

The line from Eholt summit to Greenwood country would eventually be built to join the main line at Hope station (at present the most hopeless looking station on earth), but which is the station for one of the prettiest little towns in British Columbia, but that is across the river, and most of the business goes down from the town by steamer to New Westminster.

Mr. Tye was asked whether or not the main line would come through by the Crow's Nest Pass and thence by Robson through the Boundary Creek country. He said he was unable at present to say. The grades from Medicine Hat by the Crow's Nest road to Robson are much lighter than by the present main line to Revelstoke, but on the other hand the grades on the main line from Revelstoke to the coast at Vancouver are very much lighter, and it yet remains to be seen which will be the best route for the main line. Of course, it is a question of economy, and if the new line proves cheaper to run than the old one, that will be the course of the main line, though freight and passenger-gates between this and the west and between the extreme east and west may come through Robson eventually and not southern Kootenays rather than the main line.

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

Brigadier Howell of the Salvation Army, will arrive in this city today, and will preside at the opening of the barracks to-night. It is thought in Salvation Army circles that one of the principal objects of the visit of the brigadier is for the purpose of making way for the coming of Eva Booth to this city. This lady is a good speaker, and should she visit Rossland a hearty reception is certain to be given to her.

The New Fire Team.

The team of horses ordered by the city council on Tuesday night, were bought and paid for yesterday, and are now a part of the regular fire department.