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hat there was a good deal of shooting done at the time Rogers was wounded, the police are of the opinion that Rogers' death was a special object. Vancouver is generally of the opinion that the shooting was altogether too much in their city just now.

over firm lately completed the of three farms in the Fraser recent arrivals from Manitoba Northwest. One comprised a 80 acres of the choicest land lta, situated near Ladner, and of the new extension of the This farm was pur- chased by Messrs. Abbey, Lang- Boyme, formerly of Prince Al- consideration is understood the neighborhood of \$4000. An- of 154 acres, situated in an- land, was also sold to Mr. Percival, formerly of Winnipeg. use price was about \$3500. Mr. Burnett, late of Grenfell, Mani- also among the investors in- plumbia farm property, he has- owned a farm of 80 acres near- for close to \$3200. Mr. Burnett for assume occupation at once, neatly impressed with the agri- possibilities of that section of- ry. Real estate dealers also it there is a strong demand for- as in about 140 acres with 20- acres improved. The prop- is available for farms of this to sell a farm of that dimension immediately subject the remain- of the quarter section to- land tax. On account of many of wishing to sell for this re- which have been pend- fallen through. The majority- stlers coming here at present- wish to purchase a large tract, yesterday one dealer was com- puse five prospective settlers- reason.

de Forrest has selected the- terminus of the wireless- systems that is to connect this- with Asia. The location is- Dr. de Forrest is near the ex- Cape Flattery, where the ele- about 250 feet above the sea,- try is densely wooded, but be- surface soil is solid rock that- an excellent foundation for- oot towers that comprise the- In exploring the country the- the greatest difficulty in over- the natural obstacles that have- Cape Flattery from the approx- men and have left it today- an unknown territory. The- in Seattle was made Sunday- the steamship Alice Gertrude,- read the party to Neah Bay,- a sea-going tug Pioneer was- their disposal by Captain Lib- Puget Sound Tugboat com- an freight is going a-begging- So great is the demand for- the steamers of the Cana- stralian line that it seems- must contract three months- ce. The condition one way is- satisfactory as indicating the- cease between the Dominion- and the Federated Common- Anstralia. But there are evi- ckeny. The lack of accommo- the vessels on the line, can- handle the business offering- hampers trade already secured, events the increase that is nat- be expected.

ok another \$2 jump in Vancou- der day, and is now selling at- expected than before the week- will reach \$20.

ancouver boss teamsters have- their overalls and tossed over- to their newly engaged non- ners. It was learned at the of- the B. C. Transfer company that- of the striking teamsters had- ty had been filled by non-union- at the union teamsters, except- instances, had not returned to- at there were now more than- men to drive the rigs. As soon- union men broke the ice and- to apply for jobs there was- of non-union teamsters to fill the-

ancouver authorities are consid- ering the prevention of the sale of cigars- day by restaurants, drug stores- shop shops.

Assessor Northcott's assessment- ys the value of Victoria's es- ts to be—Land, \$10,735,770; im- nents, \$6,960,405; total, \$17,696,175.

ia has now paid the last of the- on debts and things are in order- inary preparation in connection- is year's show.

CITY NEWS
ME COURT—
of the supreme court will- ce in Rossland on May 18.

THE MINE—
Kenty, superintendent of the- No. 2 company's mines, severed- ction with the company yester- is successor has not yet been-

ach, aged 78 years, died yester- the residence of his son, pro- of the Florence hotel. Death- sed by general debility due to- d age. The interment takes- is morning, services being an- for 9:30 at the Church of the- Heart.

OFFICERS—
regular meeting last night of- the Executive Order of- several officers were elected to- nces in the establishment:- re: Charles Ehlers, chaplain;- tin, treasurer, and Joe Murphy;- A pleasant social evening fol-

MORE MINES SHIP ORE

White Bear and O. K. Make Their Appearance in the List.

Others Resuming Work and Likely to Ship at Early Date.

An interesting feature of the past week in connection with the local mining industry is the addition of the White Bear mine to the shipping list. This mine was forecast in the Miner some weeks ago, and the excellent weather prevailing for several days has enabled the mine to team its ore a few days earlier than was originally expected. On Friday a car of White Bear ore was loaded at the Canadian Pacific depot and consigned to the Trail smelter. Yesterday another car was loaded and shipped. It is understood the mine will endeavor to load a car daily, which will make quite a substantial addition to the weekly output of the Rossland camp. Report has it that the company figures on a profit of from \$5 to \$8 per ton on the ore now being shipped.

The next feature in connection with the local mines will be the addition of the Kootenay mine to the shipping list this week. Arrangements are perfected for this increased activity. Thereafter the Jumbo mine will join the working and shipping list, to be followed by Spitzee, Norway and other mines on which assurance of resumption has been given by the respective managements.

Incidentally it may be stated that the O. K. mine has also joined the working list. A car of sacked ore has been loaded at the mine for shipment to the Northport smelter, and will be sent forth at once. This is the first freight of the lease by Superintendent Watson, and it is understood that he proposes to make frequent shipments during the approaching summer as ore is stoped. The I. X. L. mine having resumed operations under a lease may be expected to have a shipment ready at no late date.

THE OUTPUT.

Shipments from the Rossland camp for the week ending April 25th and for the year to date are as follows:	Week	Year
Le Roi	2233	69,984
Centre Star	1688	25,868
War Eagle	1090	18,090
Le Roi No. 2	840	7,339
White Bear	54	54
O. K.	25	25
GIANT	2	2
Kootenay	1	1
Homestake	90	90
Totals	6525	115,614

AMONG THE MINES.

LE ROI—The past week has brought forth no special development in connection with the Le Roi. The report from the property is that operations have been along the usual lines of stoping at the upper levels and steady development and exploration in the levels below the 1050. The announced increase in output is withheld until the reserve of ore at the smelter is reduced to smaller dimensions. During the week a couple of cars of ore were sent to the Hall smelter at Nelson for fluxing purposes.

I. X. L.—During the week this well known property rejoined the working list, former officials having taken a lease on the mine. Their intention is to continue breaking and shipping the pay ore blocked out. Special interest attaches to the operation inasmuch as experience has proved that in the course of this work the operators are likely to run across one of the famous pockets containing the bonanza ore that makes the I. X. L. one of the most remarkable mines in the camp.

KOOTENAY—As stated in yesterday's Miner, the latest aspect of the situation at the Kootenay mine is the probability of an aerial tramway being constructed at an early date. Pending the commencement of shipments ten days hence, the operations at the property are being carried along the usual lines. Machines are breaking ore in the various levels, and the surplus is being taken out in anticipation of shipping.

CENTRE STAR—Among the interesting topics of the week in connection with the big mines of the camp is the ore strike on the 600 foot level of the Centre Star. While the management has not qualified the original statement respecting the discovery, in which an effort was made to prevent its importance being magnified, report has been busy with the topic. In a nutshell, report has it that the strike is greater than at first supposed and it is likely to have an important effect on the returns from the mine.

WAR EAGLE—Nothing of interest has developed during the week in connection with the mine. Operations are being conducted along conventional lines, and the record of shipments is the best evidence of the activity manifested in connection with the property.

LE ROI NO. 2—In the Josie and No. 1 mines the week has seen the usual program in stoping and development pursued. The stoping is limited in extent in accordance with the policy in force

THE MID-WEEK MINING NEWS

Spitzee Company Starts Sinking Main Shaft This Week.

Kootenay Starts Snipping to Trail on Monday--Giant Also.

After various delays of a vexatious nature to the company, the Spitzee will resume work this week. Arrangements are being made to let a contract for 100 feet of sinking on the site selected for the new headworks and compressor plant. Unless something unforeseen occurs the contract will be closed and ground broken on the undertaking before the close of the present week.

The new main shaft will be a two-compartment affair, sunk at an angle of about 70 degrees. At the 100 foot level a drift will be turned off to the north to intersect the old workings. From the old shaft east of the Canadian Pacific tracks a drift runs at the 100 level west to a point north of the new shaft. A crosscut then runs seventy feet south, which entails about 70 feet of drifting to the north to complete the connection with the new shaft. The company will make the connection and then drift further west, stoping ore as encountered and continuing the sinking of the main shaft.

The Spitzee people are desirous of locating their new works on the western extension of Thompson avenue, and an application will probably be made to the city for the right to do this. Inasmuch as the street is unused and the conditions are such that the section of the thoroughfare to be closed under the company's application will never be of any value, there seems to be no reason why the request should not be granted, especially as the Spitzee promises to be a substantial employer of labor and thereby has a claim on the consideration of the corporation.

SHIPS ON MONDAY.

The Kootenay mine will commence shipments to the Trail smelter on Monday. This announcement is made officially, together with the statement that on the start the mine will only send out fifty tons per day owing to the scarcity of teams for hauling ore. The announcement is of interest and importance to the camp, inasmuch as it ensures a substantial increase of the weekly production.

GIANT SHIPS AGAIN.

The statement is also made that the Giant mine resumes shipments to the Trail smelter on Monday. The wagon roads to the mine are rapidly improving and the day specified will undoubtedly see the first installment of ore brought down to the railroad. Meantime the crew at the mine is stoping in the upper levels and continuing the lower tunnel. Some twenty five feet of drifting is required to reach the point where the vein should be intersected at the lower level provided the ore maintains the same pitch developed above.

MANY MINES WORK

ST. THOMAS AND NORWAY MOUNTAIN SECTION ALREADY BUSY.

MANAGER GRISWOLD TELLS OF PROPERTIES JOINING THE WORKING LIST.

Mr. Turner Says Smelter Is Soon to be in Running Order.

SPOKANE, April 28.—Senator George Turner said today:

"We expect to have the Sullivan smelter at Mansfield, B. C., in running order within 30 days after reconstruction starts, which should be within two or three weeks."

He was shown a dispatch from Fort Steele, B. C., to the effect that the sheriff had seized the Sullivan for debt.

"That is not correct," he said. "We were informed that a judgment for \$1000 had been issued against the Sullivan, but we notified the sheriff that it would be paid, and there will be no trouble. Such judgments are always incidental to large building operations."

PRICE OF COPPER.

Eastern Men Expect a Stiff Market, Says Mr. Graves.

SPOKANE, April 28.—"It is the impression in mining circles in the east that the copper market will continue stiff during the summer," said Jay P. Graves of the Granby mines in the Boundary country, who has just returned from an eastern trip.

"At present there is a good demand for the metal," he continued, "and the indications are that the demand will continue. The price will probably remain at about 15 cents."

"The Granby smelter is still bothered by the lack of coke. The smelter has resumed operations, but it cannot secure the quantity of coke it requires. It has obtained practically all the surplus on the coast. If operations had not been so greatly reduced on account of the coke situation the company would have posted a dividend by this time. Notwithstanding this the company expects to pay a dividend early in the summer.

Two additional furnaces are now being constructed at the smelter, and when they are completed the total capacity of the six furnaces will be about 2400 tons.

"While I was in Boston the Granby stock was placed on the market." Reports from Boston say that the price is from \$4.75 to \$5.25 a share.

BUYS A BIG PLANT COKE COMES FREELY FOR AERIAL TRAMWAY

NICKEL PLATE AT SIMILKAMEEN TO GET COMPRESSOR EQUIPMENT.

HAS SPENT A QUARTER MILLION IN DEVELOPMENT AND EQUIPMENT.

Arrangements were concluded yesterday for the purchase of a thirty-drill compressor plant for the Nickel Plate mine at Hedley City in the Similkameen district. The plant is to be a replica of the Granby compressor, and will be delivered as soon as completed during the coming summer.

The progress of the Nickel Plate mine has been as free from publicity that the magnitude of the proposition and the amount of funds invested therein has been to a greater or less extent overlooked in favor of smaller properties closer to the older mining centres. It is a fact however, that the junction is rapidly approaching when the property must be rated among the most important of the B. C. mining propositions.

The Nickel Plate mine at Hedley City was until lately owned by the Marcus Daly estate and was under the management of M. K. Rogers, a Seattle mining man. It has now been acquired by the Yale Mining company. The Daly people purchased the property almost five years ago and have steadily and quietly proceeded with the development and equipment of the mine. A large amount of underground work has been done, a forty stamp mill is building for the concern, and with the compressor plant now ordered, the Nickel Plate's outfit on development and equipment will be not a cent less than a quarter of a million dollars.

The underground conditions at the mine are known to outsiders to a very slight degree. The ore is an arsenical iron carrying values from \$5 to \$600 per ton in gold. It has been stated that the average of the mine is not at all extraordinary but that the ore bodies can be operated cheaply. The process of treatment will be that of milling, concentrating and cyaniding. A power plant and an electric lighting system are in contemplation by the company. At the present time the attention of the management is directed principally toward the installation of the equipment, and comparatively little work is under way in the workings.

GOOD LE ROI TWO ORE RETURNS FOR FEBRUARY JUST TO HAND--ORE VALUES.

The report of the Le Roi No. 1 mine for February states: "Output: From 27th January to 15th February, 1434 tons shipped; average value per ton, less smelting charges, \$21.64. Value, \$31,020, from which mining charges have to be deducted. In addition to the above the following ore was shipped and paid for in January: Four hundred and twenty-seven tons; average value per ton, less smelting charges, \$15.85. Value, \$6980. If these are taken at \$4 a ton the net profit since the commencement of shipping would be \$30,558, or \$2300."

SHORT OF COKE

Northport Smelter Pinched with Supplies is Tight.

The Northport smelter is in the rather anomalous position today of being almost at a standstill for lack of coke supplies despite the fact that a considerable quantity of coke is in transit to the works from eastern and western Canada. Yesterday only one furnace was in operation at the smelter, and only two days' supply of coke was in reserve for this furnace. It is hoped, of course, that the installments of fuel will be to hand before an entire cessation of operations is necessitated.

The Northport smelter has not yet received any coke from East Kootenay, although the Fernie and Michel ovens have been turning out coke steadily for several weeks. The statement is made that nearly 5000 tons of coal and coke were shipped to, and through Nelson last week from the Crow's Nest colliers. From Fernie 750 tons of coal and 165 tons of coke were sent out, and from Michel 1030 tons of coal and 1172 tons of coke, making a total of 1326 tons of coal and 222 tons of coke and a grand total of 4659 tons of fuel handled during the week.

A QUESTION OF ORE.

Le Roi Sues for Ore Dumped Along Railroad Tracks.

The Le Roi Mining company has taken action to recover \$1400 from the Red Mountain Railroad company in respect to ore dumped on the railroad track last year. It will be remembered that in June or July last several cars of ore were wrecked a short distance below Sheep Creek station. The contents of the cars were dumped on the right of way, and when the cars as reloaded by the railway people arrived at the smelter it was found that the values of the ore had vanished unaccountably. The mining company thereupon entered suit to recover the difference between the value when it was shipped from the mine and upon its arrival at the smelter.

The action is now in its initial stages in the supreme court.

SHARKEY WON.

HARTFORD, Conn., April 28.—Tom Sharkey won his wrestling match with P. C. Quinn at the Coliseum tonight. Quinn won the Graeco-Roman bout in 18:35 and Sharkey won the catch-as-catch-can. He failed to throw John-as at Graeco-Roman. Over 1000 were present.

ARRANGED WITH JAMAICA.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, April 28.—For the purpose of encouraging international trade, a postal arrangement has been made between Canada and Jamaica to exchange all mail at Canadian international rates of postage.

COKE COMES FREELY FOR AERIAL TRAMWAY

TRAIL SMELTER NOW RECEIVING OVER 100 TONS OF COKE DAILY.

OTHER CANADIAN PLANTS GET THE BALANCE--NORTHPORT LEFT OUT.

The outlook for the smelting centres continues to improve, as Fernie coke is shipped out in increasing quantities. While it is stated that conditions are not yet normal, and that the reduction works must receive a reserve of coke before considering themselves safe, the regular consignments now coming to hand are a gratifying augury of steady supplies.

At Trail the entire battery of three copper furnaces are running on gold-copper ores shipped from the Rossland camp. These furnaces consume something over 100 tons of coke per day, and practically all the supply is now arriving from East Kootenay, although a portion of the coast coke that was late in delivery is now being utilized.

The Le Roi smelter at Northport is not so fortunate in respect to East Kootenay coke. Its total consignments from Fernie since the resumption of the coke ovens have been one lone car up to date. The Kootenay and Boundary smelter plants are coralling all the Fernie coke produced, and it may be some weeks before the Le Roi plant secures enough of the essential commodity to operate its whole plant independent of the eastern coke with which the furnaces are now kept in operation. The intention is to run the plant to its utmost capacity, first reducing the big reserve piled up in the smelter yards when the works were closed down for lack of coke, and then increasing the output from the mine here. The fruition of their plans in this direction depends in great measure upon the promptitude with which the Fernie coke producers catch up with the unusual demand from Canadian plants and are in a position to divert a portion of the output to the Le Roi works. The sooner this is accomplished the better the results from Rossland's viewpoint. The probable completion of the Morrissey ovens at no late date and the consequent substantial increase in the available output of coke is an important factor in the future of the mining and smelting industries of the country.

TO SINK MAIN SHAFT

SPITZEE COMPANY ONLY AWAITS ACQUISITION OF SURFACE RIGHTS.

FINE SAMPLE OF ROSSLAND FREE GOLD ORE ON EXHIBITION.

The management of the Spitzee company have encountered irritating delays in connection with the acquisition of certain sections of Block 15 on which they propose to locate the new headworks. This arises in large measure through the necessity of conducting negotiations with Montreal parties interested in the reality, and while the negotiations will be closed at a comparatively early date, the management regret losing the fine weather which the camp is now enjoying.

"Our plans are in such shape," says Frank A. Hower, managing director of the company, "that we are ready to proceed with the preliminary work forthwith. With this fine weather, we can start the excavating for the foundations at once and sink the main shaft as far as is necessary to prevent further sinking from interfering with the construction of the headworks. In this way we would take time by the forelock and expedite the proposed development of the mine. The company is anxious to commence work at the earliest possible date, but our arrangements in this direction have been hampered by the delays in connection with the surface rights."

A magnificent sample of free gold ore from the I. X. L. mine is on exhibition at Goodie's store with a couple of cards attached bearing the following remarks: "What we pave our streets with" and "Where are the pessimists?" The free gold sample will run \$20,000 or \$30,000 to the ton, and behind a magnifying glass makes a striking appearance. Alongside are a couple of samples of unusually rich copper ore.

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