

the capacity of the concentrator being estimated at a hundred tons a day.

Wilson Creek properties on account of the low grade of the ores have never been much in favour with investors, but the company operating the Jeanette are spending large sums in developing and proving their group, undeterred by prejudice. As pioneers in a field which is to all intents and purposes untried, it is to be hoped their efforts will be crowned with success.

Silver Mountain continues to come to the front; the Marion, the only property of note which is in operation exceeding expectations both with regard to the quantity and quality of the ore, and the Toronto company acquiring it are to be congratulated on securing a very promising mine. The California, adjoining, has recently been stocked for a million under the title of the California and Clipper Silver Lead Mines Limited, and work may be resumed at any moment.

Another deal lately concluded refers to the Hartney, also in the neighbourhood of the Marion, this has been bonded for \$30,000 by the same parties who are working the Jeanette, and from the known nature of the locality it will be a surprise to many if the group does not turn out well.

Most important of all, however, is the arrangement which has been come to whereby the Bosun and Fidelity are about to be amalgamated as one company. From an economic standpoint this consummation has been long and earnestly desired, and now that it has been satisfactorily accomplished we may expect to witness remarkable developments in the course of a few months which will place the company in the front rank of those operating in the Slocan.

It is said that misfortunes never come singly, and many who profess to be well informed are of opinion that in addition to home troubles we are likely to be confronted with a serious fall in the price of silver ere long, due to a variety of causes, the probable precipitation of hostilities in South Africa and the consequent reduction in the gold output exerting a most prejudicial effect on the market. However, we have long since ceased to be moved by rumours of this kind, even when supported by reason. The fact is, we have undergone so many reverses in the past that discretion is now thrown to the winds and in the reckless words of the British public we say "Let 'em all come."

LARDEAU.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

I have just returned from a trip to some of the claims in this vicinity, and have been at once surprised and delighted with the showing in some of the latest discoveries. The great attraction was Tweedie's gold strike on the Lexington Mountain, and in spite of the remarkable reports which I had heard and only half believed, I was astonished at the real fact. The gold, which is principally contained in the cavities left by the decomposition of arsenical iron, fairly dazzled me and colours of all sizes showed themselves in every piece that I took from the dump. The lead is very wide and at a point some six-hundred feet away from the real work it has been opened up at four distinct points across the lead, each one of which displays gold plainly visible without a glass. From here we walked along the side of the mountain towards Pool Creek for about twenty-five minutes and took a look at, and several fine samples

from, the Lucky Jack, lately discovered by Messrs. Butlet, Rowland and Desrosiers. This property, which consists of three claims, is a silver-lead proposition and an eminently promising one at that. The galena has the appearance of being high grade,

PROMISING and the ore chute widens perceptibly towards the floor of the tunnel; it is PROSPECTS. a treat for a poor man to walk on the silver street, and my experience

of it, though short, still makes me feel rich. There are a couple of narrow streaks containing a nice showing of copper pyrites, and altogether the three lucky ones are to be congratulated. The next notable property which we visited was the Wild Flower Group, on the north side of Lexington Creek, also discovered only two months ago. Here there is perhaps more real ore on the surface than is shown by any silver-lead property that I have seen in this district. The owners have done a considerable amount of work, considering their circumstances, but unfortunately they have gone rather too far from their showing, and although their tunnel has cut through three minor stringers of ore which do not show on the surface, their real pay streak lies some fifteen feet ahead of them. A little further along the same lead we came upon a force of men who are engaged in developing the Lardeau King, under the direction of Mr. H. O. McClymond, of Rossland, who has stocked it, and intends to work it for all it is worth during the winter. They already have exposed a vein twelve inches wide of shipping ore, and prospects are very flattering. We had intended to make a much more comprehensive pilgrimage, but the weather drove us home. However, if I recover from the rheumatism I caught on this journey I will make another before your next issue. By the way, I cannot understand why so few of the investing element manage to find their way to what could not fail to prove a very profitable field for their operations.

REVELSTOKE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Development has been steadily carried on during the past month in nearly all the claims that have been opened in the various mining camps in this district, and it is very satisfactory to state that the value of the claims has in almost every case improved. This, however, is not surprising when it is remembered how few are the mines, and how many the prospects, upon which nothing but the necessary assessment work has been done; the surface indications, while usually amply good enough to warrant further expenditure, being naturally of much less value than the ledge that is indicated and prove to exist only after more work. In the Lardeau district this is especially notable, and among so many verified reports of new strikes it is difficult to pick out one that is better than another. The Nettie L. strike, referred to last month, however, is worth a word, being from 2 to 3 feet solid galena with grey copper and iron pyrites, which assays over 700 ozs. silver per ton, besides gold, copper and lead. This mine, which is

close to the fast rising town of Ferguson, is hard at work stopping and sacking the ore, and a large shipment will be ready in a very few weeks, though, for economy's sake, it may be worth while to delay delivery till the snow makes transportation easier and cheaper. The Sunshine, also a neighbour of the famous Silver Cup, is very jubilant