

lows: Le Roi, 28,659; War Eagle, 10,603; Centre Star, 7,017; Iron Mask, 1,434; Evening Star, 356; Monte Cristo, 273; I. X. L., 245; Grant, 42; and Iron Colt, 30.

So far, and with the exceptions already named, there are no immediate prospects of any new producers increasing the list, but it is not at all improbable that the Nickel Plate, Josie, Columbia and Kootenay will be placed on the shipping list. These properties are owned by the British America Corporation and they are in a more or less advanced stage of development. The last named under the previous owners shipped about 2,700 tons and there is now an accumulation of ore that will sooner or later be sent to the smelters. The indications on the surface of the Nickel Plate and the Josie lead to the belief that the management intend to make shipments of ore shortly.

The closing down of Sunset No. 2 was unexpected by the Rossland public, but I am credibly informed that the shutting down must by no means be regarded as an abandonment. Mr. J. C. Drewry, the managing director, was some weeks ago taken ill with smallpox in Montreal, but is now convalescent. He will return shortly and I believe that the policy of his company will be to develop the rich galena properties the company own in East Kootenay. The Sunset at present is in charge of Mr. Andrew Drewry, and Mr. W. H. Jeffrey, the company's mining engineer.

May 15th was the monthly "pay day," and it is stated that a sum of at least \$125,000 was paid out in miners' wages. This amount will hereafter steadily increase. The Le Roi is employing about 500 men, the War Eagle 60, the Centre Star 100, the Iron Mask 40, the Josie 30, the Nickel Plate 30 and other properties at least 100, so that at the lowest estimate between 800 and 900 men are at work in the mines immediately around Rossland.

The following summary of the different mines around and near Rossland denotes the progress that is being made:

The Le Roi.—The management is shipping from 400 to 500 tons daily.

War Eagle.—The management is carrying out an extensive plan of development on lines similar to those when Mr. J. B. Hastings first took charge of the property.

The Centre Star.—The hoisting engine is in place and the head works are practically completed. The development of the mine is going on by means of the smaller hoists. The new 40-drill compressor plant has not yet arrived from Quebec.

B. A. C. (Nickel Plate).—The shaft is down to the 600-foot level, and further sinking will be discontinued. In the meantime arrangements to ship ore are being carried out.

Iron Mask.—Work is being done in both shafts and in the north crosscut a large amount of development work is being done.

B. A. C. (Columbia and Kootenay).—The vertical shaft from No. 6 tunnel is down 281 feet and is still showing ore. In extending the breast of No. 6 tunnel a body of good ore was cut. The north cross-cut from tunnel No. 6 is approaching the north vein.

B. A. C. (Josie).—The winze is being sunk from the 200-foot level is making good headway.

Evening Star.—The management is now using the Iron Horse compressor. It is intended to work two drills at once.

Velvet.—Drifting from the 200-foot level continues. A shaft is being sunk on the new lead which was

found some days ago.

White Bear.—Drifting continues to the northeast. California.—Development work on the old shaft continues.

Other properties.—A number of other properties are being developed, but it is yet too early for substantial results.

The general outlook of the Rossland mines was never better than it is at present.

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(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Readers of the RECORD have doubtless all heard of the dire calamity which has befallen the city of Sandon since I last wrote, an occurrence which though painful and far reaching in its consequences will furnish an opportunity of proving to the world that the residents at any rate still have firm faith in the resources of the district. With the possibility of a repetition of such a disaster always before them it is doubtful whether the town will ever re-build quite so substantially; this however, it must be clearly understood is due entirely to natural obstacles and will it is hoped, in no way affect the future volume of business transacted. The spontaneous manner in which all the neighboring towns contributed to the relief of those concerned is typical of the open handed generosity of mining communities and the fortitude and stoical indifference displayed by all under exceptionally painful circumstances is no less characteristic of western life. We wish them all success in a speedy upbuilding of the town, and pray that they may long be spared from such another misfortune.

Political matters to a large extent have been engrossing our attention during the month and as the day for election draws nearer the uncertainty of the situation becomes more apparent. One thing however seems clear, that while the recent settlement of the eight hour dispute does not give unmixed satisfaction, more especially to the mine owners, who claim that all possibilities of profit making have been wrested from them by the arrangement, there is a mutual desire to let matters stand as they are rather than re-open the discussion at this juncture, it being conceded that the loss to the province is more than compensated for by a definite knowledge on the part of investors as to what they may expect. As a result, each of the candidates in this constituency is sworn to uphold the enactment, so we may rest assured that for the present at any rate eight-hour shifts have without doubt come to stay.

The general mining outlook continues good, though casual reference to the shipping would hardly seem to bear out the assertion.

The Enterprise has risen to second place with a comparatively paltry 560 tons to its credit, but there

are other factors in the situation which will come to be recognized better as time progresses and must not be ignored. The Minnesota Silver Co. owners of the Ivanhoe, are about to erect a very complete concentrating plant in connection with their mine which will necessitate the construction of an aerial tramway a mile and a half long, having a vertical drop approximating 2,600 feet. As at present designed it should be the largest as well as the most complete and efficient mill in the province, its daily capacity being estimated at 150 tons of crude ore.