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OPINION IN ENGLAND.

Mr. A. I. McMillan, of Liverpool, England, who visited Rossland last summer, has again returned after a trip to England. Mr McMillan on his former visit was accompanied by Mr. Edward Pritchard, F. L. S., the well known mining engineer of London, England. A representative of the MINING REVIEW asked Mr. McMillan if he would be kind enough to state his views regarding Trail Creek and from what he states it seems quite apparent that England is becoming interested in this country.

"Did you find Englishmen taking much interest in British Columbia?"

"Yes, there is no doubt London is becoming interested. Quite a number of syndicates have been formed to deal with B. C. properties. Representatives of many of these have visited Kootenay and reported to their principals. I have not heard of any adverse reports, except that the general feeling among London men is that ridiculously high prices are asked for mere prospects. Some of these companies bought claims this year, and will develop next season. I do not, however, look for the investment of any large amount of English money out here before the spring of 1898. If the output from the mines next year is satisfactory you may look for a big movement from England about the time I name.

"What about your own interests Mr. McMillan?"

"My friends any myself are very well satisfied. Last winter I organized a company in England, chiefly of personal friends. The Earl of Warwick is our chairman. We began in a small way, and have acquired a few claims which will no doubt be developed at an early date. If all is well my associates may go into business on a larger scale before long."

Mr. McMillan expresses the opinion that large numbers of British Columbia mining propositions will be offered in London this winter, and that increasing attention will thus be directed to this country. He advises Rosslanders to use all legitimate means to advertise the country and make it known in European financial circles. He thinks this is an exceedingly rich country, owing to the vast extent of the mineral deposits. Mr. McMillan leaves today for Victoria, and from there direct to Winnipeg and England.

THE ZILOR.

This mine, which has lately passed into the hands of a strong company composed of local and eastern Canadian men, held a meeting yesterday and elected their first officers: J. B. McArthur, president; T. Price Gower, treasurer and secretary, and H. Stevenson, manager.

The manager was directed to start work at once on the property. Supplies for active work and a force of five men left town this morning to begin work, which will be pushed forward all winter. On the property there has already been spent over $4,000 in development work, consisting of three shafts, 30, 40 and 65 feet deep respectively.

Two of these shafts, 40 feet and 65 feet, ore on the vein for the entire depth, and show ore from top to bottom. The other work consists of open cuts and pits, disclosing the vein, and one stripping, 70 feet long, on the course of the vein, showing two feet of ore its entire length, from which samples have run $39.60 in gold, silver and lead.

The present 65-foot shaft will be sunk to the 100-foot level, and then machinery will be put in and another 100 feet sunk and levels run at the 100 and at the 200. These levels will all be on the vein in the ore bodies and the ground blocked out for stoping, then when this is done shipping will begin, as the ore can then be more cheaply extracted. The property is very advantageously situated for shipping facilities, being only 1,200 feet from the railroad, connected by a wagon road. There is lots of water, Trail Creek crossing the claim, and abundance of timber on the ground for all purposes.

WORK ON THE RETALIATION.

For the last two weeks a force of men has been at work on the Retaliation mineral claim, the property of the Montizuma Gold Mining company, erecting cabins and a blacksmith shop, and they are now proceeding with the work of development.

The management of this company is energetic and will carry on work all winter. Nearly all of the first block of 100,000 shares of treasury stock has been subscribed for. Subsequent issues of treasury will go on at an advanced price.