

IN OUTSIDE CAMPS

The Slocan Division Is Showing Up in Excellent Shape.

ITS SHIPMENTS OF ORE

Boundary Country Is Showing Up Better Every Week—Development in Some Districts Stopped by the Holidays.

The near-by camps show even greater progress this week than those farther away. The reports from Slocan are especially encouraging. Below will be found the shipments of ore from the Slocan division for the six months just closed. The values of the ore are not available at present, but it is very rich, and when the returns are published they will prove a surprise to the people of the Kootenays.

Slocan Ore Shipments. Table with columns for From location, Tons, and Value. Includes locations like Slocan, Ruth, Slocan Star, Last Chance, Sapphire, etc.

SLOCAN DIVISION.

The Ruth mines have put in circulation a requisition asking that the Ruth company be exempted from paying taxes on its proposed concentrator.

A big strike is reported about six miles below Slocan City on one of the river properties.

Upwards of 1,000 tons of ore has been shipped from the Four Mile properties during the year.

The Wakefield has commenced this season's shipments by sending out 120 tons of high grade ore.

G. H. Dawson is still working the Edinburgh group on Four Mile. The men are getting into good mineral.

Geo. Hughes denies the rumor that he is out of the Idaho or that there is any deal on for the Mountain Chief.

The Dardanelles report a fine strike of ore at the eighth level, 500 feet from the surface. Twenty-five men are employed.

Shay men are working on the Idaho mines. Great difficulty is experienced in handling supplies and ore owing to the bad roads.

Two men are working on the Mowich, the other side of the Mountain Chief. They have got in through the wash and hope to have mineral shortly.

Charley McNicholl claims to have a gold bonanza in the Oms group, on the Galena Farm. As depth is gained the value increases. F. O. Berg of Spokane is interested with him.

Hunt, Lockland and partners, all of Vancouver, have commenced work on the Noble Five claim, adjoining the Mollie Hughes. There are two openings on the property, one of which is in 30 feet, with two feet of well mineralized quartz in the breast, from which assays have been obtained.

A. Tanks and J. Pilon, owners of the Cabin claim, adjoining to Pinto, on Goat Mountain, have done considerable work on the property. They have run in a number of open cuts across the vein, and have started a shaft following down the mineral. There is a good showing of quartz, containing some very high grade ore.

Rawhiding has commenced from the Enaka.

The force on the Comstock has been increased.

The Idaho mines shipped 200 tons of ore last week.

More men have been put to work on the Whiteaker.

One is being shipped from the Blue Bird mine, some 30 tons going out last week.

from the Comstock to Silverton. Several hundred tons will be exported.

It is expected that the Comstock concentrator will be started early in January. The plant has a capacity for 50 tons per day.

Ore from the Wakefield is being hauled to Silverton for shipment. Over 2,000 tons are expected to be shipped this winter.

The Marion has improved a great deal during the past week, and there is now showing in the main workings 10 inches of clear ore on the hanging wall and four inches on the foot wall. The ledge gives signs of becoming fully mineralized. Everything is in good shape.

BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

The development of the Boundary country seems pretty well to settle the fact that values there increase with depth. As an example, the Old Ironsides on the surface ran in the neighborhood of \$3 to \$4, and when a \$12 assay was received, the owners thought that they had a bonanza.

The War Eagle in Greenwood camp has been bonded to Spokane people, headed by Mace Campbell. The price is understood to be \$45,000 with a 10 per cent cash payment.

The Fontenay, near the Cariboo in Camp McKinney, has been bought by Dr. J. F. Reddy of Spokane. The bond is for \$20,000 with a 10 per cent cash payment.

An 83-foot shaft has been run on the Fontenay in a five-foot vein, showing good ore.

On the Lincoln and City of Paris, the crosscut tunnel is in about 550 feet, and should meet the ledge in about 60 feet more. The tunnel is showing increasing moisture.

On the White Cloud in Graham's camp, the No. 2 shaft has shown a change in the ore from iron pyrites to copper sulphides.

The force of men on the big dam to be built on Kettle river above the falls has been increased, and Foreman Simmons now has a dozen men busily at work.

It is said that in a few days the number will be increased to probably 30 in order to get as much of the work as possible done before the water begins to get high enough to be troublesome.

A stamp mill is to be placed at Long Lake to treat the ores from the Jewel, Anchor and Enterprise mines.

The owners of both properties are joining forces to erect a mill. There is an excellent mill site at the foot of the lake owned by the Jewel company.

The work on the Anchor and Enterprise during the past few months has been of a most encouraging nature. The ore vein is widening materially and increasing in value. A force of men is now at work on the Jewel.

The Magnolia and Copperopolis properties in Copper camp have been bonded by Henry Berlich. These properties are owned by George Riker, and the deal was negotiated by O. R. Forde of Nelson.

The price mentioned in the bond is upwards of \$50,000. Both properties have strong ledges of high grade copper ore. Development work will be commenced immediately.

NELSON DIVISION.

The returns from a sample assay taken across the lead in the bottom of the shaft on the Eschequer have been received and gave \$118.23 in gold. Thus the value of the ore is holding well, and, if anything, are improving.

There are now three feet of ore in the bottom of the shaft.

The annual report of the London & British Columbia Gold Fields, which recently floated the Ymir Gold Mines, is just out and is very satisfactory.

The report shows that at the last examination of the Ymir group, near the town of Ymir, the ore in eight amounted to 93,000 tons of a value of \$1,123,200.

The company recommends that dividends amounting to 20 per cent be declared for all for the year, and that 20,000 shares in the Ymir Gold Mines be distributed as a further dividend.

All the machinery for the new 40-stamp mill on the Ymir has arrived and is ready to be put in place.

The Halls Mines company announces that the result of the smelting operations for the four weeks ending December 2-18 days 7 hours smelting—was 2,207 tons. It contained approximately 53 tons of copper and 45,960 ounces of silver.

REVELSTOCK DIVISION.

The Revelstoke Herald claims that more prospective capital looking for investment in North Kootenay is now in sight than ever before.

In the Lardeau, however, claim holders are still holding out for exorbitant prices, and even the proposed railway through that country cannot bring about any widespread development of the Lardeau until prospectors are satisfied with reasonable prices for their interests.

The International Commissioners to Be Compensated at Montreal.

THE STOCK MARKET

A Period of Quietness Follows the Holidays.

WILL NOT LAST LONG

Shares Which Pay Dividends Are What the People of Toronto Wish to Invest in—War Eagles and Cariboes Advancing in Price.

The stock market is feeling the collapse of business affairs that usually follows the holidays. In one way and another a considerable expenditure is made by nearly everybody during the last week or ten days of the year.

Then follows a sort of stocktaking period at the end of which people find out where they are at financially. When this is finished and people know how their balances at banks stand they begin to make expenditures. It will therefore be some little time, perhaps, before the share market will resume its ante-holiday liveliness.

The brokers generally speak very hopefully of the coming year and say that they expect it will be much livelier than in 1898, and so the existing quietude does not trouble them in the least. It will only last for a very short time, they say, and then business will once again become lively.

Most of the stocks have fallen off a point or two and this is notably the case with those of the Republic group.

War Eagles advanced from \$3.05 to \$3.08 in the Toronto market yesterday and Cariboo (Camp McKinney) from \$1.35 to \$1.47. Both of the War Eagle and the Cariboo companies are dividend payers and this accounts for the advance in their price lately and the desire of the people of Eastern Canada to get hold of them.

In a section where 4 and 5 per cent is considered fair interest stocks which pay a higher rate, it is very eagerly sought for. The effort of the mine managers of this section should, therefore, be to place their properties on a dividend paying basis as soon as possible.

The people of Eastern Canada are hungry for this sort of stock and their capacity for absorbing it is very large. The more dividend paying stock held there the better it will be for the mining interests generally.

There were some Virginias sold yesterday. Workmen grading on the Virginia ground for the O. & W. railway uncovered a large and promising looking ledge, however, to determine its value. It is claimed that if the drift from the 300-foot level had been driven 60 feet further it would have encountered this ledge.

There was some demand for Deer Park and they sold during the week from \$1.75 to \$1.85 yesterday they were \$1.75 to \$1.85.

Novelty are in demand around 4 cents.

White Bears are firm at 7 cents. There is a good demand for Spitzees. The final payment for the Spitzee properties will be made on the 15th of January.

There was a general decline in all of the Republic group. Jim Blaines fell from 51 to 46, and Lone Pines from 31 to 28 cents, Republic from \$3.40 to \$3.20, Princess Mauds from 13 1/2 to 11 1/2 cents, Rebates from 26 to 22 cents, and the others went down in the same proportion.

In the Ymir group, Sarah Lees were in demand at 7 1/2 cents. Fairmonts, owing to good news from the property, are stiffer. There is also considerable demand for Dundees and Tamaracs.

Salmo Cons. are the demand several orders in advance. They were selling at 10 cents from London.

There is a renewed demand for Brandon and Golden Crowns. A good sized block was sold yesterday at the rate of 25 cents per share. Shipping ore has been encountered in the 100-foot level. When this is taken body is encountered in the lower levels there should be a movement in these shares.

Okanagan Free Golds are selling well. So far in the neighborhood of 700,000 shares have been sold. The first block of 500,000 shares was subscribed for at the rate of 6 cents per share.

The second block of 100,000 shares was placed on the market on December 15 and was all sold in Rossland in one day. The third block of 100,000 shares was placed on the market at 10 cents in the latter part of December and was largely subscribed for in Spokane and Rossland.

There has been so much the case that there is now no stock on the market under 12 1/2 cents.

IT IS CERTAINLY COLD.

Reliable Thermometers Register 4 to 5 Degrees Below Zero.

Yes, it certainly was cold, and it certainly was the coldest day of the year yesterday, but nevertheless it was not so frigid as people seemed to believe.

C. H. M. Cameron, who by common assent is the local lord of the weather, has been keeping tables on the temperature with considerable care. Mr. Cameron's equipment includes adjusted maximum and minimum thermometers and he takes readings every morning at his home on the 10th avenue.

Yesterday morning the minimum instrument recorded a temperature of 4 1/2 degrees below zero, which is the lowest point yet reached. The nearest approach this winter to the cold readings of 11 above zero.

Various erratic instruments all over town registered anywhere from freezing to 25 below zero yesterday morning, but where, it is needless to say, entirely wrong.

All members of the curling club are requested to attend a meeting of the club to be held in the club rooms at the rink at 8 p. m. Friday, the 6th inst. Please come on time. Business, organization for club, games and bonspiel.

MINES AND MINING

Work Will Soon Be Commenced on the Spitzee.

FAIRMONT IS ALL RIGHT

Shipping Ore Is Being Extracted From the Shaft—The B. A. C. Paying for the Le Roi—Lily May Has a Fund for Development Purposes.

The third payment was made on the Spitzee on the 31st of December. The fourth and final payment will be made on the 15th of January. Then the task of developing the property will be commenced by the Indian Chief Mining company, which has been formed for that purpose.

The Spitzee vein is a wide one. There is 15 feet which is strongly mineralized, and in the center of this is four feet of pay ore. The property has an excellent surface showing.

Taking Out Shipping Ore.

A whim has been installed on the Evening Star, one of the properties of the Fairmont Mining company near Ymir.

The inclined shaft has now reached a depth of 60 feet. It is being sunk on the vein, and all the ore that is being taken out is of a shipping grade.

This property is exciting a great deal of attention at Ymir, where it is declared that it will make one of the best mines of that vicinity.

The assays of the ore taken from the Evening Star gives value of about \$40 per ton. The management of the Fairmont company in this city is greatly pleased with the manner in which the property is turning out, and feel confident that it will in time make a dividend paying mine.

Deal for Mother Lode Group.

Messrs. Trethewey and McKenzie, the well known mining men from Kaslo, have been in the Burnt Basin recently examining the Mother Lode group, and it is reported that Mike Shick and M. Jackson, who own the property, have made a deal. It is expected that mining will shortly commence on the principal free milling ledge, samples of which are shown in the mine office.

The results will be watched with keen interest by the property owners in the district, for the extensive surface showing of Burnt Basin are now well known and much interest will be taken in this locality with the opening up of spring and the advent of railway facilities.

Other properties in line with and having similar showing to the Mother Lode are the Jackson, Daly, Pleasures of Hope, Lewiston, Tammany, Jackstraw, Modanah Chief and Monitor.

The deal of the Mother Lode group, which W. Forrest and others are the owners, is located close to the Mother Lode.

Kangaroo Group Bonded.

The Royal Kangaroo group, consisting of three claims located on Greenville mountain, was yesterday bonded by E. J. Liljebran. The bond was given by E. J. Brailo, E. Terwick and others.

By the terms of the bond Mr. Liljebran obligates himself to pay \$10,000 for the property on August 1. In the meantime he agrees to do \$500 worth of work on the property before the last day of July.

The group is considered a valuable one. The ore is free milling and runs from \$8 to \$18 in gold and silver on the surface. The group is only three-quarters of a mile from the Columbia & Western railway, which is being constructed from Brooklyn to Cascade City.

Greenville Claim Sold.

The sale was closed yesterday of the Greenville claim, located on Greenville mountain, in Trail Creek division.

Greenville mountain is 2 1/2 miles west of Rossland. The property was sold by S. Brailo and Edward Terwick, and was purchased by E. J. Liljebran for a syndicate which he represents. The consideration was \$4,000. This sum was paid in full yesterday for the property.

The Greenville claim has a four-foot vein of free milling quartz in a porphyry and limestone formation. The ore assays from \$8 to \$108 in gold and silver. So far only assessment work has been done on the property. The intention of the new owners is to begin the development of the Greenville as soon as the snow gets off the ground. Work it is thought will be commenced early in April.

An Encouraging Outlook.

Mr. Chambers, manager of the Salmo Consolidated, has just returned from the mine, and reports that very satisfactory progress is being made. The showing in No. 2 shaft at a depth of 110 feet evidences a great improvement in values. Assays at this depth have given a return of \$75 in gold and silver, which is eminently pleasing to the management.

From present indications the showing of ore in the shaft from now on will prove up to the high expectations indulged in by those who have visited the mine. Work is being pushed without cessation.

The Bond on the Lily May.

W. J. Harris of the Lily May company is back from a trip to California. Mr. Harris says that the English Canadian company, which has a bond on the Lily May, has \$75,000 cash in its treasury for the purpose of carrying on development work.

The Lily May shaft is to be continued to the 200-foot level, when drifting and crosscutting will be undertaken.

THE MASOOT COMPRESSOR.

It Will Be Put in Fractional Operation Tomorrow.

At the Masoot yesterday the superintendent of the property, William Yolen Williams, completed the new power plant by connecting the compressor with the electric motor, which is used in operating it. The compressor, which is of

the seven-drill type, proved quite as successful in its operation as had the motor when it was tested on the previous day. The necessary adjustments of the entire new plant are now being made and tomorrow Mr. Williams will put three drills at work. The electrical machinery was put in place under the supervision of Percy Roper of the West Kootenay Power & Light company, and his handling of the work has established for him a high reputation as an electrician.

THE CURLERS.

They Have Been Having a Merry Time Lately.

The curlers have been having a merry time for the past three days in playing the second series of games between the president and vice-president. The games so far have resulted in an overwhelming victory for the vice-president. The ice has been in excellent condition and some good playing has resulted.

On Monday afternoon in the game between W. A. Carlyle and J. S. C. Fraser the former was beaten by a score of 9 to 11. On the same afternoon the forces of Cranston and Morick contested, and the result was a victory for the latter by a score of 3 to 19.

On Monday evening a game was played between rinks headed by Bogle and Barker, and the latter was victorious by a score of 11 to 13.

H. H. Smith met a rink skipped by J. S. Paterson, and the former was beaten by a score of 7 to 12. This was one of the most exciting games of the lot.

Mr. Smith has the reputation of being a past master of the art of curling and his rink was composed of four of the best players in the city.

Mr. Paterson is a more novice at the game and his rink was made up of apprentices at curling, and yet his rink ignominiously defeated the veterans under the able generalship of Mr. Smith, but the race is not always to the swift nor the battle to the strong.

The games of Tuesday afternoon were not reported. Tuesday evening a game was played by Beaman vs. Paterson, which the latter won by a score of 12 to 7. A game was played between Fraser and Leckie, which the former won by a large majority.

Wednesday's games were not reported. A meeting of the club-steps and the executive committee was held in the club-rooms at the rink last evening, when organization for the season was discussed, also the arrangement of rinks for the coming bonspiel.

A general meeting of the club has been called for Friday evening at the club-rooms, 8 p. m. sharp, when rinks will be selected and other business of the club arranged.

HAMPBRED BY ICE.

The Surface of the Arrow Lakes Is Frozen.

For the first time this winter navigation on the Arrow lakes has been seriously hampered by the ice in the narrows. The Minto, which left Arrowhead for Robson on Tuesday morning, fared so badly with ice and low water that she was completely tied up below Nakusp, and has not yet been removed.

Her passengers were of course unable to get away, and were forced to spend the night on the ice-bound vessel. Yesterday the Kootenay on her down trip was taking aboard the Minto's passengers, and it was hoped that the Kootenay would be able to push on to Robson some time last evening. The train, which should have come in over the Columbia & Western railway at 11:15 Tuesday night, waited all night at Robson for the down coming boat, but the boat came not, and it was 10:10 o'clock yesterday morning before the train reached here.

Last night's train was similarly delayed. It is expected that it will arrive early this morning from Robson, with the down passengers and mails of both the Minto and the Kootenay.

In order to avoid the dangers consequent on low water and ice in the narrows, the Canadian Pacific railway is considering running the service from Arrowhead to Robson via Nakusp, Silverton and Slocan City over Slocan lake.

GREAT DISPLAY OF LOYALTY.

Francis Joseph's Austrian Subjects Volunteer Their Taxes in Advance.

VIENNA, Jan. 4.—In consequence of the substitution of the government by decree in Hungary for a constitutional government, which is due to the expiration of the Austrian ausgleich or agreement between Hungary and Austria, recruiting for the army ceases, as do also the collection of taxes and prosecutions for the non-payment thereof.

This has led to a remarkable exhibition of patriotism on the part of numerous supporters of the government who, in many places, crowded the tax offices and voluntarily paid in advance a year's taxes. Their action was partly due to an appeal by Maurice Jolani, the well known Hungarian novelist, published in the Nemzet.

Gloating Over Their Own Sin.

PARIS, Jan. 4.—The anti-Dreyfus partisans claim a great victory has been scored by their side in the presence of General Chanoinne, the former minister of war, in the court of cassation during the examination of the secret dossier.

This, they say, virtually makes the army a part of court and is a further check on revision.

CAN THIS BE TRUE?

Spanish Judge Charged With Blowing up the Maine.

CUBAN ORGAN, ACCUSER

Champagne Drank While the Vessel Was Going Down—The Judge and His Friends in the Theatre, and Orled, "There Goes the Maine."

New York, Jan. 4.—The following is from the Herald: Havana, Tuesday.—The city is much excited tonight by the open charge made in El Reconcentrado, the organ of Cuba Libre, that Xacarias Breares, a Spanish judge, now a fugitive from Havana, was actively engaged in the plot which resulted in the destruction of the Maine. El Reconcentrado today gave a sketch of Breares' career previous to last February, charging him with various crimes. The paper will say, tomorrow: "The Maine came to Havana harbor. Breares accused declared in Spanish cafes that such an act of audacity on the part of the Yankees could not pass without stringent punishment. His threats were direct and boded destruction to the American ship. His associates were Felix Gonzalez, Dion Sionvia and Eusebio Acosta, violent Spaniards. The others were off-voulters."

"These men boasted that the Yankees were about to get their dues, though no charge can be directed against any save Breares. He and the hot-headed Spaniards of Zurulo street met nightly at a house near the corner of Murrado and Habana streets, where the public plot against the Maine was concocted and the arrangements completed. When the explosion took place Breares was in the Lacon theater with friends. At the sound of the explosion he cried, 'There goes the Maine.'"

"Champagne was drunk in honor of the deed at the moment, when others were vaguely inquiring of one another what had happened. Breares' name was mentioned before the American court of inquiry, but not sufficient evidence was forthcoming to warrant any action and all reference to him was suppressed in the published report."

The Cubans here almost without exception regard the charges of El Reconcentrado as beyond dispute. Breares is now said to be hiding in Spain.

AN INFAMOUS WITNESS

Count Esterhazy to Testify in the Dreyfus Case.

The Unhappy Prisoner Himself Will Be Examined by Wess and Will Not See the Court at All.

PARIS, Jan. 4.—Major Comte Ferdinand Walsen Esterhazy, now known to be the author of the Dreyfus Bordereau, has been summoned to appear before the court of cassation on January 12. It is understood that while no formal undertaking has been given, he will be free from arrest coming and going. It is said that the Dreyfus depositions will be received on Saturday from Cayenne and the court will then decide whether his presence is necessary in Paris.

It is believed the whole examination will be conducted by telegraph in enormous expense in order to avoid manifestations here.

The recently formed league known as La Patrie Francaise, whose avowed object is to "knit intellectual France into a union for counteracting the Dreyfus agitation," seems stillborn, owing to the incompetency of M. Brantiers Coppee and Maurice Barros, and the dissensions among the authors, professors and sceptics who have signed the membership list.

INDIA'S NEW VICEROY

Lord Curzon Now in Calcutta and Assumes Office Tomorrow.

Brilliant Scenes That Will Be Witnessed For Days to Come in the Vice-Royal Mansion.

CALCUTTA, Jan. 4.—It is understood that Queen Victoria gave Lady Curzon special instructions regarding the Dufferin fund and the necessity of affording female medical relief in certain sections. Lady Curzon has already expressed the intention of making the fund proper under her guidance. Lord and Lady Curzon are now the guests of the Earl of Elin, the retiring viceroy of India, and Lady Elin.

Lord Curzon's assumption of the viceroyalty on Friday will be surrounded by brilliant functions. He will be conducted from the throne room to the historic council chamber, and the usual guards of honor, and all the civil and military authorities will attend in full dress. The number of native princes, with brilliant retinues, attending the functions is quite unprecedented.

Numerous addresses of welcome will be presented next week when Lord Curzon's recent speeches have greatly pleased India, which is regarded as a happy augury for a successful career here.

The question of lighting the Presbyterian church in this city was decided yesterday in favor of electricity, and it is expected that on Sunday next the church will have been wired and the lights installed.