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CLAIMS ARE BONDED

THE ALICE GROUP, NEAR THE CASCADE, TAKEN BY MR. THOMAS.

OPTION REQUIRES A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF WORK TO BE DONE.

Another mining deal was recorded in the city yesterday, indicating the fact that well posted mining men have accepted the fact that the Rossland camp is no longer to be under the domination of the agitator and that mining investments here now offer attractions that were not afforded under the regime of the labor dictator. In future the Rossland district will be known as a section where the mining operator will have a run for his money without being compelled to lose time and money in endeavoring to sidetrack the machinations of the agitator who demands ridiculous concessions that the honest miner does not insist upon or benefit from.

E. W. Thomas, the Philadelphia mining operator, who has become interested in the St. Thomas mountain section, has given another indication of his confidence in the Alice group at a consideration understood to range between \$25,000 and \$30,000. The group is an extension of the Cascade claim, and carries the vein that promises to make the Cascade one of the best propositions in its vicinity. It includes the Alice L. Pride of Cascade and the Rainbow fraction, all located on Granville mountain and adjoining the Cascade. The parties intervening in the transfer are Mrs. Alice Libby, formerly of the city and now of Greenwood, V. C. Stimmings, H. D. Griswold, T. Ketchum and O. D. Fisher, their interests varying considerably.

The option taken by Mr. Thomas is similar in nature to that taken on Messrs. Brailo and Barbara's claims on the previous day. He acquires the property for a year, undertaking to do considerable work in the interim along the lines that will be calculated to demonstrate the merit of the claims. In every respect it is similar to the purchase of the claims. The purchaser is not required to make any considerable payment until the property is shown up sufficiently to warrant the payment of the entire purchase price in a lump sum, while the owners secure the expenditure of funds on their holdings and are the sure winners. If all prospectors of the same business foresight, the country would progress more rapidly than it is the case.

In addition to his purchase of claims, Mr. Thomas has become interested in the Cascade mine to the extent of a large block of stock. The various deals were negotiated by Eugene Croteau of this city.

A FISH RIVER MINE.

A Bond Taken on the Beatrice Group for \$50,000.

Mrs. Mary Henderson and Frank Fulmer of Selkirk yesterday closed a deal whereby they bonded the two-thirds interest belonging to Boucher Bros. in the Beatrice group for \$50,000 on which a cash payment of \$1,600 was made. J. Boucher, of Boucher Bros., has charge of the bar at the Queen's hotel, Nelson.

The Beatrice is situated about nine miles from the Eva group at Camborne, near the summit of the mountain, a branch of the river. The property was located in 1897 and was bonded by the owners, F. F. Fulmer and Boucher Bros., to Nelson parties in the summer of 1898 and worked in a desultory manner until the spring of 1900. It appears that during this time the property was worked in anything but a satisfactory manner, and the owners finally took it over again. In the past the work has been done by the holders of the option, and no systematic attempt was made to develop the property with a view to continuous shipping. Over \$15,000 worth of the ore from the property has been shipped to the Trail smelter. The ore consists of a good grade of galena and grey copper and the vein has an average width of 18 inches, although in places it widens out to nearly six feet.

The smelter returns on the last lot of ore shipped was \$125 per ton. The purchasers have engaged the services of Mr. McNeill, mining engineer for the Silver Cup, and are putting a large force of men at work immediately.

The development work done on the Beatrice so far consists of three tunnels run on the lead, connected by a shaft. The longest tunnel is 150 feet long and is in one nearly the whole distance. The lead is 25 feet wide and on the lower tunnel the paystreak is from two to three feet wide.

At present the only means of communication is by means of a trail to Camborne over which in winter the previous shipments sent out were rawhided.—Nelson Miner.

GAUDAUR DEFEATED.

Towns Won the Championship by a Large Margin.

RAT PORTAGE, Oct. Sept. 7.—Towns defeated Jake Gaudaur by five boat lengths in the championship sculling race here today.

TO OPPOSE BROWN.

D. J. Munn is Put in Nomination at New Westminster.

VANCOUVER, Sept. 9.—D. J. Munn was the unanimous nominee of a big Liberal meeting held at New Westminster tonight.

MR. WILSON SPEAKS OF THE OPTION HELD BY CHICAGO PEOPLE.

A SUFFICIENT ORE SUPPLY IS TO BE HAD IN THE DISTRICT.

E. J. Wilson, manager of the Standard Pyritic smelter at Boundary Falls, was in the city yesterday, leaving at noon today for the east. Mr. Wilson confirmed the report of the option taken by the Chicago-British Columbia mining people, and stated that he was now on his way to Chicago in connection with the deal. On concluding his business in Chicago he would go to Quebec to consult with William Price, the millionaire lumberman, who has the controlling interest in the smelter company. He anticipated that something further would be known in connection with the proposition in 30 or 60 days.

Referring to the prospect of doing a profitable smelter business with the Standard plant, Mr. Wilson said: "The plant as it stands is in splendid shape and with some slight additional apparatus necessary to handle the particular ores it is expected to treat everything will be complete. The only question hereof has been in regard to an ore supply, and there is now no further necessity for delaying the blowing-in of the furnace. The plant requires approximately 400 tons of ore per day, and this supply is in sight at the present time in the immediate vicinity of Greenwood. Among the mines that will probably ship to the Pyritic smelter when it is in operation are the Sunset, the Snowshoe, the Standard, Marguerite and a number of others. The Sunset, 200 tons per day being, I should say, a fair average of the product of ore exists and has been opened up on three levels up to the present. The Standard is an extension of the Mother Lode, and the very large body of ore from which the Mother Lode is now stopping appears to lead straight for Standard ground."

"I have very bright hopes for the Boundary. People have come to realize that operations there must be conducted on a large scale to be profitable, and with this in sight the country is likely to go ahead rapidly. Our plant would have been blown in some time ago had it not been for a disagreement among the stockholders."

IN THE LARDEAU.

Properties Bonded—Some Promising Ore Bodies.

D. McIntosh, R. Rowlands and J. DeRose have concluded a deal for their property on Memhinnick creek consisting of the Independence Fraction, Gold Standard and Golden Eagle, these being extensions of the Gold Finch. They received \$1,500 down on an 18 months bond.

A recent assay from some of the ore brought down from the Alice by J. O. Piper went \$41.20 to the ton in gold. Mr. Piper, who was up to visit the property this week expresses himself as more than pleased with the way the property has shown up under development. This property is located on Silver Cup hill in the neighborhood of the Triune.

The crosscut tunnel on the Ophir-Lade group, recently bonded for \$100,000 by Wm. Poole of Nettie L. fame, has encountered the ore body at a distance of 135 feet. The ore is of a fine quality throughout the vein just cut specks of gold can be seen. As predicted by the Topic some time ago drifting will commence and a shipment made also. It is intended to increase the working force at the property.

This week a new strike was made on Canyon creek, about two miles from Selkirk, by Fred Mummary. The lead is composed of galena and carries 32 ozs. in silver and \$1 in gold, this ore is not very high, yet from its convenience to the line of railway now approaching completion, if the operations which Mr. Murray is now prosecuting expose any sort of a body of this ore he will have a very valuable proposition indeed. He has staked three claims, the Senorita, Mab and Invicta, on the lead.

Work on the I. X. L. group at the head of Brown creek is being pushed actively with a force of about twelve men. This property was bonded recently to eastern parties for \$30,000, the payments to be made as follows: 10 per cent to be paid by the 1st of December, 1901, 20 per cent by 1st August, 1902, and the balance, 70 per cent, or \$21,000, on the 1st of December, 1902, covering a period of 15 months. It has been stipulated that the work is to be kept up as the nature of the location of the property will allow. No ore can be moved until after the first payment. This property, which is owned by Messrs. Jacobson & Olson, is a gold proposition running \$140 to the ton.—Lake Topic.

NEWFOUNDLAND FIRES.

Many Houses and Much Valuable Timber Destroyed.

ST. JOHN'S Nfld., Sept. 10.—Forest fires are ravaging the country and threaten several large lumber districts. Twenty-three houses have been destroyed in the settlement at White Bay. It is feared other villages have been burned. It is impossible to cope with the fires, and unless a heavy rainfall extinguishes them, the loss to the timber interests will be heavy.

STANDARD SMELTER OUTPUT INCREASES

OVER 1,500 TONS OF ORE SHIPPED TO SMELTERS DURING THE WEEK.

RESUMPTION AT THE JOSIE HAS A GOOD EFFECT ON FIGURES.

For the first time in six or eight weeks the output of ore from the Rossland camp begins to assume proportions something like approximating the normal tonnage. Last week, commencing on the second inst. and closing on the 7th inst. 1,520 tons of ore went out via C. P. R. and Spokane Falls & Northern. Of this amount 450 tons were shipped to Trail and was taken from the No. 2 dump at the Le Roi mine. The balance of the ore from the Rossland Great Western mines was from the Josie mine and the amount 950 tons represents what the company has been able to accomplish with the crew available. A decidedly good record for the Josie and quite up to the normal output of the mine under the most favorable circumstances. The iron mask mine shipped 120 tons of ore, which winds up its shipments until after work is started again.

The figures as above are obtained in the ordinary way from the books of the railroad companies. At the C. P. R. office it was found that the Le Roi company had shipped fifteen cars of 30 tons each to Trail. At the Red Mountain depot the figures were: Le Roi No. 2, 25 cars. These cars are the regular 40-ton ore cars, and according to the transportation people they were loaded in such a manner that a conservative average per car would be 38 tons, or which basis the tonnage is computed. The iron mask shipped six 20-ton cars to the Trail smelter.

THE OUTPUT.

The output for the week ending September 7th and for the year to date is as follows:

Week	Year
Le Roi	450
108,918	1,700
Le Roi No. 2	950
21,700	54,648
Centre Star	20,100
War Eagle	20,100
Rossland G. W.	8,486
Iron Mask	120
3,738	20
Homestake	20
I. X. L.	230
Spitzee	180
Monte Cristo	20
Velvet	74
Evening Star	82
Giant	24
Portland	24
Totals	1,520
218,828	

THE BOUNDARY OUTPUT.

Following are the Boundary ore shipments for last week and for the year to date:

Week	1901
Old Ironsides, Knob Hill and Victoria	4,167
151,954	270
B. C. Mine	32,446
Winnipeg	120
236	550
Alchelan	70
Snowshoe	515
R. Bell	600
Mother Lode, Deadwood	736
55,947	250
Snar	68
No. 7, Central	70
83	500
Other Boundary mines	68
500	
Grand totals, tons	5,433
242,653	

THE SNOWSHOE MINE.

Preparations for Shipment of Ore to the Smelter.

A contract has been made, according to report, for shipment of one car of ore daily from the Snowshoe mine to the Greenwood smelter. This ore will be largely taken from the surface, or from a glory hole, work on which has already been started.

The Snowshoe people are fortunate in having a large body of decomposed ore lying on the surface of the claim, which gives very satisfactory values. This body is from 300 to 500 feet in width and about 200 feet in length, with a depth of five to eight feet. The assay values are said to run from \$10 to \$30 per ton in gold and silver.

Figuring conservatively, say on a basis of 300 feet long, 200 feet wide and five feet deep, this body is expected to yield at least 60,000 tons. Again estimating conservatively as to values, on a basis of \$10 per ton, this ore will yield \$300,000. If the cost of mining, transportation and smelting is say \$5 per ton, the profit is \$250,000. This surface ore will give a profit of \$150,000 to the Snowshoe Gold & Copper Mines, Ltd. This should make a satisfactory showing to the shareholders of this company, which has just started in business.

In the meantime of course the regular development work on the property will be proceeded with as usual.—Phoenix Pioneer.

PEACE CONGRESS.

Delegates Open a Four-Days Session at Glasgow.

GLASGOW, Sept. 10.—The Universal Peace Congress opened a four-days session today. Dr. Trueblood, an American delegate, said the peace sentiment in America was the strongest since 1850. The federal government was absolutely committed to The Hague peace conference. The friends of peace were now endeavoring to induce all the American republics to draft a mutual peace arbitration treaty, pledging themselves to refer all disputes to The Hague tribunal. There were good prospects of securing the signatures of the states which were not represented at The Hague.

THE LEAD OUTLOOK AT THE ONONDAGA

CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MAY HELP BRITISH COLUMBIA MINES.

POSSIBLE FRICTION BETWEEN THE TRUST AND ITS CUSTOMERS.

Those who are following with keen interest the history of the lead industry in British Columbia would not be especially surprised to note at any stage of the game in the near future a very radical change for the better in connection with the industry in British Columbia. It is a well known fact that the present difficulty besetting the silver-lead industry, and more particularly the lead branch, although the two divisions are closely welded together for reasons obvious, is the result of a vicious slump in the price of lead on the market that governs the price of the Canadian product—London, England. If the Canadian mines were located south of the 49th parallel their product would be bought by the American Smelting and Refining company, more familiarly called the Trust. The Trust buys its ores in the Coeur d'Alene, and by reason of controlling the output and sale of lead ores and the products all over the continent has been enabled to hold prices to a point where producers net approximately four cents per pound for the lead values in their ores, as compared with the beggarly cent and a half netted by the Canadian producer after his ore has passed through half a dozen hands and finally found a sale on the English market. Recently the Trust found it difficult to handle all the ore that was being produced, and issued an order curtailing the output of the Idaho mines from 15,000 tons monthly to 12,000. As a sop to the mine owners a bonus of \$10 per ton was granted when the tonnage between their former output and that under the curtailing order. It is a well known fact that the producers are fretting under the order. A mine owner who has the plant, facilities, and ore to produce daily, say 150 tons of ore finds that when compelled to cut this down to 100 tons his mining costs are considerably more on a per cent basis than they were formerly, tonnage basis does not begin to repay the \$10 bonus does not begin to repay people have never been compelled to operate under the adverse conditions now prevailing. The Coeur d'Alene and affecting Canadian producers and are disposed to try a fall with the Trust. If the restriction comes to a head the Canadian silver-lead producer is going to have a period of prosperity. The Trust will naturally seek the raw material for its smelting and refining plants in the Slovan and West Kootenay districts. To produce the ore they will naturally be willing to grant prices approaching the price now paid in Idaho and very considerably in advance of London quotations. The effect on the industry in Canada will be stimulating in the extreme and lead properties which were in the early days of the Slovan when lead brought \$18.

SALMO CONSOLIDATED.

Matters are taking a decided turn for the better in the affairs of the Salmo Consolidated Mining company, a concern well known in Rossland and holding valuable mineral properties in the neighborhood of Salmo on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railroad.

A general meeting of the company was held in Sarnia recently and one of the first steps was the election of a new board of directors: H. H. Ogden, M. A. Sanders, William Ellis, W. G. Marriott and J. Brunetta of Sarnia; R. Owens, M.D., London, Ont.; E. C. Williams, Port Huron; C. O. Lalonde, V. P. Wiesenthal and Sidney Hobbs of Rossland. This effectively removes one of the obstacles to the success of the corporation. Heretofore the directors have been unable to agree as to the management and the friction has caused the development of the mine to be in a sense a secondary feature.

It was further resolved to call for a voluntary assessment by the shareholders, aggregating two cents per share and payable within a stipulated period. This would pay off any outstanding obligations and enable the development of the property to proceed. In many quarters it is believed that the company has a very good proposition and that systematic development on intelligent lines will make it a mine.

USED DYNAMITE.

Three Chicago Men Who Perpetrated an Outrage.

CHICAGO, Sept. 10.—Three men, claiming to be lieutenants, on being refused admission to the office of the Chicago General Electric company here placed a dynamite cartridge under the front door and exploded it, wrecking the building and injuring Night Watchman Brenn. The men escaped.

IN THE RED SEA.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 10.—A German vessel has landed a cargo of coal on the island of Farson in the Red sea, on a dock constructed by the German government, which is understood to be negotiating with Turkey for the lease of a coaling station there.

MARQUIS ITO.

YOKOHAMA, Sept. 10.—The Marquis Ito has decided to comply with his doctor's orders and take a sea trip. He starts September 11th for San Francisco on board the Japanese steamer America.

TO LAY NEW STEEL

THE WORK OF IMPROVING THE RED MOUNTAIN LINE PROCEEDING.

SUPERINTENDENT FOREST AND OTHER OFFICIALS IN THE CITY.

The work of replacing the present steel on the S. F. & N. line between Rossland and Northport is to be commenced at once. F. S. Forest, superintendent of the road, arrived in the city last night, with C. H. Prescott, master mechanic, and C. C. Cullinan, master carpenter. The party came in on Mr. Forest's private car, No. A. 16, and will be here until noon today.

Referring to the proposed improvements to the line, Mr. Forest stated that the last of the rails were now being delivered at Northport, and that the work of curving the steel to fit the curves on the ground to be covered would be proceeded with at the earliest possible date. The new rails are 80-pound material, while the present steel is only 38 pounds. The increase in the weight of the steel will increase the carrying capacity of the line remarkably, and when the improvements are completed trains will be run out of Rossland carrying much larger loads. The increased facilities thus afforded will be an important factor in the handling of ore between Rossland and Northport.

In company with his master carpenter, Mr. Forest will today commence an inspection of the bridges on the road with a view to determining the amount of replacements in timbers required for next year. Under the plan of improvements it is not intended to touch the timbers wholesale, a thorough inspection having disclosed the fact that the bridges were in an excellent state of preservation.

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AFTER IRON ORE.

A Montana Syndicate Bonds East Kootenay Claims for \$100,000.

J. T. Laidlaw and Walter VanAradale of Fort Steele were in town Tuesday afternoon closing up a deal with S. A. Gebro for the bond the latter gentlemen has taken on the group of 21 claims showing iron ore, located on Bull river. The bond is for \$100,000 and Mr. Gebro will proceed at once to thoroughly prospect the property. Mr. Laidlaw, in transaction the business, represented A. B. Forest, W. VanAradale, George Watson, C. H. Edwards, W. R. Ross, E. Johnson and himself, who own these claims. The property, or most of it, was located several years ago by the Fenwick boys, and is, in fact, on what is known as Fenwick mountain. The claims lie facing Bull river, near the falls, which is only six miles from Warden over a very good road.

Speaking of the property Mr. Laidlaw said: "There is every reason to believe that there is a large body of fine iron ore there. The contour of the country is of such a nature that the veins are exposed, and it will be an easy matter to run tunnels to show the depth of the ore body. We are satisfied that we have plenty of ore, and what is more that we have an ore of the finest quality. An analysis gave 65 per cent iron, 8 per cent silica and very low in phosphorus and sulphur."

Mr. Gebro, who is well known in this part of British Columbia as the representative of a wealthy Montana syndicate, that has opened up the new coal mines east of Blairmore, stated to the Herald man: "In many years of experience in mining it is the first time I ever went to examine a property and found more than had been represented to me. I will put 10 men at work immediately, and I think I can prospect it in 60 or 90 days. I will show you what there is in it. If the iron is there, then I will have secured what I want, and that is a permanent market for our people's coal and coke. It looks very much as if this part of British Columbia was going to be a great industrial center."—Cranbrook Herald.

A SALT LAKE FIRE.

Offices of the Short Line Railway Destroyed, With Records.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Sept. 11.—The two-story brick building, extending from 212 to 222 Southwest Temple street, in which were located the general offices of the Oregon Short Line railway, was completely destroyed by fire.

The fire originated in the basement of the Mine & Smelter Supply company, occupying the west half of the ground. Shortly after the firemen arrived an explosion of dynamite, a small quantity of which was stored in the basement, blew out most of the building, and part of the front of the building, four firemen being cut by flying glass. Assistant Chief McCarthy was severely injured.

The explosion wrecked the vault in the chief engineer's office of the Short Line railway and nearly all the records of the road, including the plans of the new Salt Lake-Los Angeles extension were lost.

For a time the six-story Dooley block to the north and the new high school building adjoining on the west were in danger of destruction, but the fire was finally got under control with but slight damage to those buildings. The loss will probably approximate \$250,000. The Oregon Short Line offices will be moved into the Dooley block temporarily.

Messrs. A. and D. G. Munroe, stock brokers of Montreal, left yesterday for Montreal over the S. F. & N., after spending several weeks in the Kootenay and Boundary country.

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BILLS NOT ALLOWED

TWO BRITISH COLUMBIA MEASURES SACRIFICED AT OTTAWA.

OPPOSITION TO THE NEW MINISTER IN NEW WESTMINSTER.

VICTORIA, Sept. 11.—(Special.)—An Ottawa special says: "At a meeting of the cabinet today two British Columbia bills, one regarding immigration into Canada and the other respecting the employment of Chinese and Japanese on public works, were disallowed. This was done at the instance of the British government, British Columbia having refused to amend its legislation as regards Japanese."

The steamer Hating arrived from Skagway today with a hundred passengers and \$50,000 in gold dust. It is expected there will be a great exodus of people from Dawson this month, numbering 4,000 or 5,000. Miners say that the diggings are changing back from summer to winter, recent summer work having not been altogether satisfactory.

Some rivalry for the position of the new Anglican bishop of Kootenay exists between Archbishop Pennefather and Rev. L. Noman Tucker of Vancouver. The appointment will be made in two weeks. Thomas Gilford, chairman of Brown's committee in the last election in New Westminster, will oppose that gentleman at the present election. A mass meeting is to be held tonight.

The contract for the North Arm bridge has been let by the government to McLean brothers, of Vancouver, and instructions have been issued to proceed with their repair at \$12,000 and \$14,000. Price is between \$12,000 and \$14,000.

M. K. Rogers of Seattle, representing the Amalgamated Copper company, has, according to recent advices from the north, purchased the Bonanza group of mines on Observatory Inlet, on the northern coast of British Columbia, paying Messrs. Budge, Collison and Flewinn the residents of the north, \$48,000 for the property. The claims were discovered by an Indian a year ago.

The new body of ore in the Tyee mine, at Mount Sicker, is proving even larger than at first reported. The miners are now 25 feet in it, and are not yet through.

Colonel King and family left yesterday morning for the sunny south. They will spend some time at Avalon. Santa Catalina Island, where the Colonel has determined to land one of the monster tuna for which the waters of Avalon are famous. It is understood that the case for the giant fish is already ordered.

Conductor Peck of the C. P. R. is able to be about again after a touch of mountain fever. He resumes his regular trip on the Robson-Rossland run next week.

Mrs. Guy I. Sweeney, of Seattle, is in the city, the guest of her father, E. W. Ruff.