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## MINES AND MINING

### Good Reports Continue to Come from the Tamarac.

### PLENTY PAY ORE ON ITS DUMPS

The management is having a series of experiments made and when these are concluded a reduction plant will be provided.

Recent reports from the Tamarac, which is the property of the Kenneth Mining Company, are of an encouraging character.

A force of nearly 30 men is employed systematically developing the mine. Some time ago the management, which is well known as being exceptionally conservative, as well as very competent because of its experience with the Tamarac was a valuable property, and that it justified an elaborate plan of development in order that it might be brought to a dividend-paying condition with the least possible delay.

Since then a large amount of work has been done in the way of opening up the veins at considerable depth. This has been done by both shafts and tunnels, and in such a way that little or no deadwork has been necessary. The result is that about 8,000 tons of pay ore has been mined and is lying on the dumps awaiting treatment and a large area of stoping ground has been made available. From this it will be realized that the Tamarac is in a position to supply a large tonnage of pay ore. The management realizes, however, that it would be against the best interests of the company to commence the treatment of the ore until arrangements are perfected for its reduction without shipment, and does not purpose installing a plant until it has determined upon what is the best method to adopt.

It still remains to be seen whether a stamp mill and concentrator, or a more economical chemical process, or a more advanced method of being adopted. Experiments are now being conducted with this in view, and no material selection is made it is positively stated that in the near future the question will be definitely settled, and then work will at once commence upon the installation of the necessary works. The company has ample funds at its command to place the Tamarac on a dividend-paying basis, as well as nearly 100,000 unsold shares.

It is understood that the English stockholders who guaranteed the completion of the property, are willing to pay out the other interests, with the intention of making a London flotation, but it is not probable that this offer will be entertained, as each day the work of development increases the value of the property.

### WORK TO BE RESUMED.

The intention is to make the Black Cock a shipper.

Messrs. Julian and Audet, original owners of the Black Cock mine of Ymir, were in town Saturday, attending a directors' meeting of the Black Cock Mining Company. At the meeting it was decided to begin work on Monday next, November 19th, with three shifts of men, and the amount of work will be under the direct management of Mr. Audet. The Black Cock is one of the most promising properties in the Ymir district.

### Work on the Pay Roll.

Mr. J. E. Saucier has returned from a trip to East Kootenay, where he has been for the past nine days. He reports that 20 men are now employed on the Pay Roll group. A tunnel has been driven in a distance of 110 feet and a winze sunk to the vein to a depth of 35 feet. The vein is six feet in width and the ore is a pay grade. He reports that the stock of the Gold-Copper Mines is being rapidly taken up.

### THE SIMILKAMEEN.

Mr. Smith Curtis tells of the Sunset and Other Matters.

Mr. Smith Curtis, in speaking of his recent trip to the Similkameen country, Saturday said: "The hills were covered with prospectors during the past summer, and many locations were made on Copper Mountain, Kennedy Mountain on the opposite side of the river from Copper Mountain, also along the Tulameen river, Boulder creek and Otter creek. From the samples of ore shown a number of these locations are likely to make mines. Quite a number of placer claims were taken up in the Similkameen and Granite creeks and were operated during the summer season. In many cases the work of a prospecting nature, intended to prove the value of the gravel. I was told that the results were in several cases quite gratifying, the gravel giving returns of from 20 to 25 cents per cubic yard. Additions to the plants are being made so as to do the work more economically than has been done in the past. It is all that I found the Sunset mine to be all that it had been represented to be by Dr. V. R. Deeks in his report made for the company. When I arrived the shaft had been sunk a further distance of 10 feet, giving a total depth of nearly 60 feet. All the material being taken out was shipping ore with values running from 10 to 15 per cent copper and from \$3 to \$7 in gold and silver, giving total values of from \$25 to \$40. When the 100-foot level is reached a crosscut will be run to determine the width of the ore body. If one may judge from the surface indications—

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The departure of Mr. Carlyle of the British America corporation and the incidents in connection with his leaving formed an important feature of the past week. In his farewell address at the city hall Mr. Carlyle made some important statements. It has been stated in some of the English papers that the ore shipped from the Le Roi was always first carefully sorted and that notwithstanding this fact the values obtained were gradually getting lower. Everyone familiar with the situation here knows very well that no sorting is done with any of the ore that is shipped out of the Le Roi, War Eagle or Centre Star. The ore present from these three mines is taken out in the process of development for the most part and in no case have the mines time to resort to sorting. The heavy drop in the cost of freight and treatment now permits the sending of ore to the smelters that in the early days of Rossland's history would have been put on a dump. This is the only reason for the change in values and a very good satisfactory reason it is. The very fact that the Le Roi company have completed a new tramway over which the 120,000 tons of second-class ore taken out of the mine in the early days referred to and placed on the dump, will shortly be moved to the company's smelter at Northport should convince the English correspondent of the folly of his statements unless indeed they were made, as probably they were, for stock selling reasons.

### A RESERVATION COMPANY.

A Plant Costing \$10,000 Being Installed—High Grade Values in Copper.

Mr. William Aitchison of Spokane, the secretary of the Reservation Mining and Smelting Company, was in town recently trying to make some arrangements for shipping about 85 tons of machinery and plant generally for the company's mine just south of the boundary line. Had the Canadian Pacific railway and the Great Northern been connected the machinery would have come this way. As it is Mr. Aitchison has found it quicker and cheaper to team the plant in from Marcus, on the line of the Great Northern, a distance of 55 miles, rather than transfer it here and team it in from the nearest point in the Boundary country, a distance of less than 10 miles. The property in question lies about one hundred and fifty yards on the other side of the international boundary line, south from the City of Paris and the other Miner-Graves properties. The company owns two claims, the Lone Star and Washington, both nearly full size. Three shafts and the same number of tunnels constitute the work done to date, in all about 2,500 feet. The plant now being put in consists of a seven-drum compressor, 70-horse power boiler, a 50-horse power double drum hoist and three Knowles pumps. The company were the first to locate in the district, the claims having been located in 1896 and relocated in 1898. The company, which has lately been reorganized, is capitalized for \$1,500,000 and has about \$100,000 shares in the treasury. The stock is assessable up to five cents a share at the rate of a mill a month. This brings in a monthly revenue of \$1,400 and the management thinks this ample to provide for present arrangements. At present there are about 750 tons of ore on the dump ready for shipment. When transportation arrangements are completed the property will be in a position to ship. About 20 men are now employed, all the mine buildings are completed and the machinery is in full running order, when the force of men will be considerably increased. The ore on the property runs high in copper, averaging from 10 to 12 per cent and running up to 22 per cent as high as 60 per cent. The cost of the machinery now being installed is about \$10,000.

### Half Mines Operations in October.

The results of the company's smelting operations during October are as follows: Copper smelting, 13 days and 14 hours, 2,910 tons of Silver King ore and 189 tons of purchased ore were smelted, containing (approximately), Silver King ore, 64 tons copper, 33,330 ozs. silver. Purchased ore, 12 tons copper, 10,383 ozs. silver; 332 ozs. gold. Lead smelting, 20 days, 22 hours, 437 tons of purchased lead ore were smelted, together with 192 tons of Silver King ore, from which were produced 190 tons of bullion, containing approximately 190 tons of Silver King ore, 2,200 ozs. silver ore, from purchased ore, 145 tons lead, 15,770 ozs. silver, and 852 ounces gold. The scarcity of good miners, the majority of whom have left the district owing to the labor troubles—continues to retard development and output, rendering it necessary to stop smelting at intervals, while a stock of ore is accumulated. Lead smelting was temporarily suspended for want of suitable ores, but the manager expects to resume about the 10th of November.

### Copper Finds on Howe Sound.

Warren Watkins, the well known logger at Howe Sound, near Vancouver, reports that some great copper claims have been located on Squamish channel by Edward Murphy and John Smith, from his camp. Preparations for working the claims are now being made and the deposits are said to be most extensive. The locality of the finds is about 30 miles from Vancouver, and many men are going in there.

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during the week just ended is a little below the average, yet the total of 4,827 tons is satisfactory. The average looked for of 5,000 tons a week would have been exceeded had it not been for the fact that no shipments were made over the line of the Columbia & Western on Monday the 12th. This was occasioned by the War Eagle closing down on that day in order to make some repairs at the 250-foot level of the main shaft, necessitating a stoppage of work at the head of the shaft for 24 hours before going down over the tramway for that time. The Le Roi kept up a daily average of nearly 350 tons, sending down 76 cartloads during the week, or approximately, 2,432 tons, as against 2,175 the week previous. The War Eagle and Centre Star shipments are both lower than in the previous week. The War Eagle output being 1,650 against 2,250 tons, and the Centre Star 630 in place of 830 tons. The combined output of the War Eagle and Centre Star for the week was 2,280 as against 3,180 tons the week before. The average daily output of the combined mines for the week being a little over 325 tons. A comparison of the output of the mines during the week ending 28th October and 4th, 11th and 18th of this present month is given. The cartloads of the Columbia & Western road run about 30 and the Red Mountain cars about 32 tons each. The I. X. L. and Virginia shipments run 25 and 20 tons respectively. To maintain this average 12 cars should be sent down each week. The table referred to shows as follows:

Week	Tons	Year	Tons
Le Roi	2,432	81,288	
War Eagle	1,650	55,688	
Iron Mask	90	4,821	
Evening Star	—	1,088	
Deer Park	—	18	
Centre Star	630	11,922	
Columbia-Kootenay	—	111	
Virginia	—	100	
Mountain Trail	—	20	
I. X. L.	25	75	
Coxy	—	20	
<b>Total tons</b>	<b>4,827</b>	<b>165,151</b>	

Deer Park—Mr. Lorne Becher, manager of the Deer Park, on being requested to give information re the property of the company, yesterday said: "The shaft in our new find is now down 90 feet, and our north drift has yet 120 feet to be driven before it comes directly under the new shaft. The shaft is still all in ore and, if anything, the character of the ledge matter has improved with depth, and good assays are being obtained which run as high as \$38. It is our intention to connect with all possible speed the south drift with the new find, and the station will be cut out at the 100-foot level in order that further exploration work may be carried on there at any time and so as to prevent the timbering there from being blasted out. The south drift is becoming more strongly mineralized as it approaches the shaft. When the new shaft is connected with the south drift the property will be in excellent shape for continuous exploration, and owing to the splendidly worked as they can also be more cheaply worked as the waste can be taken out by the use of the main shaft. It is the intention after all the connections are made to come back to the 60-foot and 100-foot levels in order to do considerable crosscutting and drifting there. Thirty men are at work in the Deer Park, and all machinery and supplies have been purchased to last during the entire winter.

California—The main tunnel is in 230 feet, and about 20 feet of this has been driven since the recent resumption of work. The crosscut from the main tunnel has been driven for 27 feet. On the surface the foreman's cottage is constructed, and is occupied by Mr. J. W. Spalding and family. The foundation of the combined shaft and compressor plant house has been laid, and the rearing of the side walls has commenced. A powder thawing house has been finished and a powder magazine is to be constructed. An addition 30 feet long has been made to the blacksmith shop. This is to be used as a carpenter shop and storage room for tools and other supplies. A 12x16 addition is being made to the office building. This is almost completed. The office will be occupied by Mr. J. J. Stutzel, general accountant for the company. Hereafter all of the business of the California company will be transacted at this office, and the down town headquarters has been given up.

Paris Belle—The work of sinking a shaft on the main ledge of the Paris Belle is in progress. The site of the shaft is in a vacant lot near the corner of Butte street and Columbia avenue and the work is being done on the east and west ledges. The shaft last evening had reached a depth of 15 feet. There is a heavy iron capping. The ledge is located between a contact of diorite and granite and appears to be about 50 feet wide. The ledge has been crossed on the surface for its full width. So far the ledge matter is decomposed and broken. This is so much the case that the shaft had to be timbered so far. There is considerable oxide of iron in the ledge matter. Mr. S. H. McCoy, who is in charge of the work, says he expects that considerable copper will be found in the ore when more depth has been gained.

### Masoot—Work on the Masoot is making the usual progress. The west drift from crosscut No. 3 is in 100 feet and

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In speaking about the position in which the minority stockholders would be in the event of the bond on the Giant being taken up, Col. Ridpath said: "The minority stockholders will stand exactly on the same situation as we will. Senator Turner, Mr. Sanders and myself own the bond, and the minority shareholders may be certain of fair treatment and a full knowledge of what is being done with the property at all times. We intend to give them a square deal. Anyone who knows Senator Turner and Mr. Sanders will testify that they are men who are honest to the core, and that no one who has transacted business with them ever received anything but the fairest treatment," concluded Col. Ridpath.

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their first visit to the site of the Mountain Lode and expressed themselves satisfied at the development showings of these two. It is not necessary to do writing regarding these big low-rolling bunch grass hills to the mines in buggies we could raise, if we rolling hills in Rossland, marked Mr. Johnson, managers of the two great Bank of British North here to inspect the mine "land" from a financial Miner correspondent has in any event they were left by stage this morning and other British Col.

### IBIA CITY NEWS.

Business Active—Some of the Features Going Up.

Nov 8.—(Special.)—Of late of the Boundary country, mining by leaps and bounds, there is no boom, and the building out of their own or borrowed capital. Mr. C. E., assistant to Mr. W. here yesterday and let the new station building, to the side of three weeks. The things have proved utterly in the switches are full of and the warehouse is also the gable. Verily the Boundary is already proving an eye.

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White, the well known miller to build a very complex Columbia street, in a very situation on the banks of the Mr. White has the Bannock camp, under bond, and has a tunnel, which should when 200 feet in length, by Travis, contractor, completed the 70-room hotel Escalot, intend to build in the west end of the is no better investment than Columbia today. Everything at modest shack to a \$5,000 in demand, and at a rent of 15 to 25 per cent upon the

Mr. Wiseman is also building for himself and family, a most ambitious project in which emanated from the Trotter. He is at present for the purpose of a very fine Baptist church. He has a basement set apart as a non-sectarian club, having features of a Y. M. C. A. line, bath rooms, as well as a kitchen. Any lady is to be eligible to membership. It is hoped that the feet of open will wear a deep groove which will terminate a meritorious part of that which provides for a bureau, through which you can may learn of something may turn their hands with time. This alone should do in as several other towns have to hang around doing all their scanty means are added before finding the work to the want of a little advice from some one who country. Dr. Trotter has a about 500 volumes towards Citizens of all denominations freely, and building with the present week.

E. Smith, mining correspondent Toronto World, passed through on his way to Republic impressed by the progress made since he was here last fall, assistant director of the survey, is staying at Hotel will visit the camps adjacent before returning to Ottawa has just returned from a five to the Great Slave lake on his forthcoming report public it will contain, doubt a large amount of information little is known by the man.

Mr. J. McQuisq of Montreal, R. G. Edwards Leckie were by on their way from Republic. Mr. Leckie and friends on the Yankee Boy and Girl Hardy Mountain. The bond, and that it will be taken a foregone conclusion, as the has been done in the past. I found the Sunset mine to be all that it had been represented to be by Dr. V. R. Deeks in his report made for the company. When I arrived the shaft had been sunk a further distance of 10 feet, giving a total depth of nearly 60 feet. All the material being taken out was shipping ore with values running from 10 to 15 per cent copper and from \$3 to \$7 in gold and silver, giving total values of from \$25 to \$40. When the 100-foot level is reached a crosscut will be run to determine the width of the ore body. If one may judge from the surface indications—

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