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OUR WORKING MINES

Heavy Purchases of Big Properties During the Past Week.

ORE SHIPMENTS INCREASE

Progress Made on the Various Mines of the Camp—Active Operations of the B. A. C. Company Will Soon Be Inaugurated—Other Notes.

Big mining deals were a matter of common occurrence the past week, and were inaugurated by the War Eagle company acquiring a control of the Monita, on the basis of $100,000. It is probable that this property will be worked by the Monita company, as independent of the War Eagle. This purchase was followed by the acquisition of John R. Cook's interest in the Pilgrim, which lies between the Monita and War Eagle, and options for the remaining interests will undoubtedly be taken up.

Still another sale was the Pearl and Ruby fractions, south of the Le Roi, for which a sum between $15,000 and $20,000 was paid by an English syndicate.

Mr. Carlyle, of the B. A. C., is expected in Rossland within a week, when extensive operations on the B. A. C. property will be inaugurated.

Shipments during the past week were increased by 700 tons. The Le Roi shipped 1,240 tons, the Iron Mask 320, and the War Eagle 640. The latter shipment was to the Nelson smelter, and was for fluxing purposes. This made a total shipment for the week of 2,250 tons.

The Deer Park.

At the Deer Park work continues on the drift in the 150-foot level, where the big strike of two weeks ago was maee. Preparations are being made for the shipment of a few carloads, more for a sample shipment than anything else, as at present the facilities do not exist. The fine body ore from which the assay of nearly $500 was obtained continues with the workings, and there are nearly eight feet of it. Stock went up as high as 13½ cents this week, but came down to 12 again, more from lack of interest than anything else.

The War Eagle.

No property in the camp is so active as the War Eagle, in which there is more than a mile of underground work. It is expected that shipping will be commenced about July 1. The company has acquired the adjoining claims, Pilgrim and Monita, which will no doubt be worked independently through the War Eagle tunnel.

The Sovereign.

This property is being operated by the owners, William Murphy, Gus Pestersen and John Ryan. The shaft is down 45 feet, and a tunnel is in 110 feet. They have just cut into a 10-foot ledge and are drifting about 80 feet to reach the shaft. Work is now in progress in a diorrhite formation.

The Iron Mask.

Crosscutting and tunneling is the character of work in progress in the Iron Mask. The company's new engine is in place and the present force of 35 men is to be increased as soon as additional power is furnished by the War Eagle company.

The Sunset No. 2.

In Sunset No. 2 the work during the past week has been confined to drifting east and west from the 200-foot level. The indications at this juncture in the drift are excellent. Work is to be resumed on the shaft early in the present week and it is to be sunk another 100 feet to the 300-foot level.

The Good Hope.

A contract has been let for the sinking of 50 feet more in the shaft, which is now down 55 feet. A pump has been installed and the work is being pushed. Later in the season the vein that runs on the Good Hope ground from the Good Friday will be developed.

The Poorman.

No ore shipments were made this week, and very little work is being done. This has been delayed to await the arrival of Mr. Carlyle, who will formulate plans for the development of all the B. A. C. Properties.

The Great Western.

New machinery is being installed for the improved working of the Great Western. There are lots of timbers on the ground for the shaft. The shaft has been straightened and sinking continues.

The Velvet.

No shipments were made on the Velvet during the past week, although there is a vast quantity of ore in sight. Forty-five men are at work and development is being pushed vigorously.

The Buckeye.

Men are sinking and continue to meet some fine bodies of ore and lively looking quartz. The Buckeye is located on the road to Trail, three miles from Rossland.

The Cliff.

No shipments have been made from the Cliff for several weeks owing to poor roads, but the regular force of men is employed and there is plenty of good ore at hand. Stoping is in progress.

The Jumbo.

The tunnel is in about 900 feet and drifting continues in a southerly direction. An excellent body of ore has been encountered.

The Le Roi.

There is plenty of activity at the Le Roi, and immense timbers for shaft work are on the ground. Splendid ore continues in the 600-foot drift west.

The Big Four.

Work has been suspended on the shaft. It is the intention to start a tunnel from the lower railway on the Big Bend, one of the group.

The Good Friday.

A force of 35 men are at work driving five tunnels that are heading toward the main vein.

The Josie.

Sinking is in progress and a full force of men are at work. There is a quantity of ore on the dump.

The Red Point.

The tunnel is in nearly 450 feet and two shifts are employed. Working continues in a heavy pyrrhotite ore.

The Mountain View.

Tunneling is the principal work, and the showing is a good one.

The Abe Lincoln.

Sinking continues with no change in the condition of the work.

The Victory-Triumph.

Tunneling continues in a splendid showing.

The Coxey.

The usual progress was made on the tunnel the past week.

SCHOOL OF MINES SCHEME

Plan Perfected for Advancement in Prospecting.

Subjects to Be Taught Will Include Geology, Mineralogy and Blow Pipe Analysis.

A meeting of those interested in the formation of a School of Mines in Rossland was held last evening in C. O. Lalonde's store on Columbia avenue west. Archibald Cameron presided, and explained that he and S. R. Reid had endeavored to organize a class to receive practical instruction in geology, mineralogy and blow-pipe analysis, and the idea met with so much favor that it was thought best to enlist the interest of the public and start the school on a more permanent basis by having a general meeting.

Mr. Lalonde made a stirring speech advocating the starting of the school meantime, as a private venture, with the view of ultimately obtaining municipal and Provincial recognition. He also called attention to the provisions made by the Ontario government in its school of mines at Kingston, and of practical science at Toronto, as well as the summer classes conducted by the government in Western Ontario, under the auspices of H. Hamilton Merritt. These classes had been instrumental in preparing for the field a distinctively improved body of prospectors. Mr. Lalonde had also conceived this idea of a school of mines for Rossland, but through the pressure of business had been unable to take it up.

H. Hastings, C. E., followed and gave an outline of the proposed field of study. Dr. Kerr and others joined in the discussion, after which a permanent organization was effected, to be known as the School of Mines, and the following officers were elected: President, C. O. Lalonde; vice-president, Dr. D. E. Kerr; secretary-treasurer, Archibald Cameron.

The services of Mr. Hastings, as instructor, were secured and the following committee appointed to carry out the arrangements: Christopher McDonald, J. W. Boyd, S. R. Reid, E. A. Seaton, D. A. McLennan, A. L. Knox, Jay Benn, H. Daniels and H. Hastings. The school will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings of each week, opening next Monday at 8 p.m.

Another meeting will be held on Friday evening in the school room at the Imperial block at 8 o'clock, and those who wish to join are requested to be present, and in the meantime any information on the subject can be gained from the committee.

MODENA SOLD.

Is to Be Worked By the Edgar Company of Rossland.

Another deal, representing a good round sum, was consummated yesterday when Richard Power of Trail sold to the Edgar Gold Mining & Smelting company of this city the Modena mineral claim. The property adjoins the Deer Park and Esmeralda, and will be worked by the Edgar company.

This company proposes to commence immediate development, and has increased the treasury stock from $400,000 to $550,000. Its properties now embrace the Modena, which adjoins the Deer Park on the southeast, the Esmeralda on the southwest and the Edgar on the west. Having in view the acquisition of their new property the company has not sold any treasury stock, and, with the exception of 15,000 shares, the promoters' stock is held by four individuals.

The work already done consists of a 35-foot shaft in the Esmeralda, a 14-foot shaft in the Edgar, and a 60-foot shaft and 40 feet of open cut on the Modena. The property is about 1¼ miles southwest of Rossland, and is reached by a good wagon road.

The company is stocked for 1,500,000 shares, and it is proposed to confine the treasury stock to as few holders as possible, an individual having already subscribed to 100,000 shares. The officers are: Isaac Harris, president; George H. Green, vice-president and manager; Edgar Green, secretary. Captain W. T. Hall was manager up to the time of his death.

FAR AHEAD OF BUTTE

General Warren Speaks About Rossland's Progress.

SALE OF THE GERTRUDE

A Montreal Syndicate Purchases the Property and Will Expend $40,000 Immediately for Development—Work Already Done.

"While Rossland camp has been in operation only three years it is producing more money than Butte did after running ten years. There will soon be an army of men employed here. It will be the great mining and industrial center of British Columbia, and its future is simply a question of development and economical ore reduction. The foam and froth have vanished, the camp is gradually drifting into the hands of thorough and practical mining men, and the wild-catters and hoot-owls have gone forever—perhaps to Klondike."

So says General Charles S. Warren, who has just returned from Spokane. He has had much to do with getting the B. A. corporation interested in the Rossland camp, and some of the earlier sales were made through him. General Warren says he has no connection whatever with the British America corporation, and is consequently unable to speak of their intentions. However, he says this about the company:

"It is my judgment that the B. A. C. will do more for Rossland in the shape of development and the employment of labor than all other companies operating here. I know more or less of the men connected with the corporation, and no mining men in the world possess the confidence of the public to a greater extent. It is second to no corporation on the continent, and judging from what its members have done in Australia, South Africa and the States, with other companies, it is only reasonable to suppose that they will set the pace in Rossland and others will follow.

"You will note a wonderful activity during the coming month, for the corporation has invested over $1,000,000 already in Trail Creek properties, and it is thoroughly equipped with money and a staff of mining men second to none, and surely deserve success."

The Gertrude Sale.

The Gertrude will soon be another of Rossland's shipping mines, and $40,000 is to be expended immediately on its development. Clarence McQuaig has purchased the property for Montreal parties. They have paid $5,000 cash and agree to re-incorporate and take 51 per cent of the stock for $50,000 and give the Gertrude company 49 per cent. All the cash is to pay for developement work.

The property, which is located a short distance northwest of the Le Roi mine, has been lying idle for many months past. The work done consists of 50-foot double compartment shaft, and a 26-foot single shaft. A crosscut shows good ledge matter 35 feet in width. Development will be commenced as soon as the weather will permit. Spokane people interested are Judge Mount, A. Beamer, A. B. Railton, E. L. Tait, H. W. Bonne and John A. Murphy.

MINING NOTES.

The London and British Columbia Goldfields company, who own the Ymir mine, have declared a dividend of one shilling per share, equal to 10 per cent. on the paid up capital.

The Tamarac Mining company, in the Ymir district, will erect a five-stamp mill as soon as the snow is off the ground at the mine. There is sufficient ore being taken out to pay all working expenses.

J. D. Anderson, P. L. S., of Trail, has completed the survey of and made applications for crown grants for the Longwood fraction, Eastern King, Pink, Agnes B. fraction and Duluth mineral mineral clsims.

In the office of the Keystone Mining company there is some excellent ore on exhibition. It is from the Keystone property, situated in the Burnt Pass, in the northern portion of the Trail Creek division. The ore from the Keystone is similar in appearance to that which comes from the Le Roi. It carries considerable iron and $12 in gold. The vein on this property is nine feet in width.

E. N. Ouimette has in his office in the postoffice block some fine looking galena ore which came from the Red Horse and Bald Eagle claims on Deer Creek near Northport. The ore came from the surface and was from veins which are from 18 to 30 inches wide on the surface. These claims are the property of John Thomas. Considerable development work has been done on this property, but not on the vein from which the galena ore has been taken.

Diamond Dust and Noonday.

Several residents of Rossland have incorporated the Abbotsford Gold Mining company, limited. The object of the incorporation is to operate the Diamond Dust and Noonday mineral claims, which are located next to the Commander. The incorporators and directors are Arthur Marsh, C. A. Baldwin, H. C. Felloes, Edward Baillie and Daniel Harris. The officers chosen are Arthur Marsh, president; H. W. Felloes, vice-president; Edward Baillie, secretary-treasurer. The capital stock is $1,000,000, dtvided into shares of $1 each. The directors hope in a very short time to begin operations on the property. One of the first things that will be done is to sink to a depth of 100 feet. There is a fine surface showing, but the formation is broken somewhat, and there will have to be some preliminary surface work done before sinking will be commenced.

THE CORBIN CHARTER.

The Minister of Railways Seems to Favor Granting It.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 29.—The application of the Kettle River Valley Railway company for a charter into the Boundary Creek country came before the railway committee this morning. Hon. Mr. Blair, the minister of railways, dwelt upon the immense value of the deposits in the Boundary Creek country, and thought that perhaps its equal could not be found in any other part of Canada. To his mind the idea of refusing connection to the south of us was an exceptional proposition. It seemed to him to refuse connection with the American roads would be a direct contradiction of the policy of Canada during recent years. He had no feeling adverse to either the Grand Trunk or the C. P. R., but if the Boundary Creek country called for development, indpendent of both these roads, he would give his vote for the public interest rather than to further the private interests of these great systems. He had some faith in the power of the governor-in-council to control the railway rates, but more faith in active competition, and it was for this reason that he would give the Grand Trunk an opportunity of entering southern British Columbia, even if it had to get rights over an American line to do so. Will this keep us from holding Canadian trade? We are already holding it against more dangerous competition. If the principles of the bill were adopted he would move to incorporate a provision which would effectively guard against shipping our ores out of Canada for smelting, if facilities can be found in British Columbia.

J. Ross Robertson, of Toronto, was not prepared to sit at the feet of Sir William Van Horne and learn patriotism. "I have little faith in their spoken promises," he said, "and their written promises are none too good."

The committee adjourned at 1 o'clock.

STOCK MARKET IS ACTIVE

The Feature of the Week Was the Movement in Mugwump.

A Big Block of Josie Disposed of at a Good Figure—Deer Park Is a Favorite at Thirteen Cents.

The stock market has been lively during the past week, and the chief feature was the movement in Mugwump. It has been claimed that there is a movement on foot to secure control of a majority of the Mugwump stock in the interest of the War Eagle management. This statement is denied, however. A large number of the shares of the stock were picked up during the past few days at from 3 to 3½ cents per share. An effort was made by some of the holders of this stock to get more than this, but 3½ seemed to be the limit that the parties who are endeavoring to secure control are willing to pay. Blocks of as large as 12,000 shares were sold to the parties who are gathering in the Mugwump stock. The property is said to have considerable merit, but it was poorly managed by its former officers. This was so much the case that the company was a few months since reorganized by its stockholders.

There was quite a demand for Josie from eastern Canada during the week, and one block of 12,000 shares was sold to Toronto party for 27½ cents per share. There has also been quite a demand for Monita since it was learned that, the management of the War Eagle Mining & Development company had obtained control of a majority of its stock. This stock sold freely in the east during the week for 18½ cents per share. It is claimed that the Monita will not be made a part of the War Eagle holdings, and that it will be operated as an independent company. There was quite a demand for Salmo Consolidated during the week, and in that period 27,870 shares were sold. The orders come principally from eastern Canadian towns.

Deer Park was also a favorite and there were quite a number of transactions at an average of about 13 cents. If the strike in this property is as good as it is reported to be by a large stockholder, who recently inspected the ore bodies in the 150 and 200-foot levels, Deer Park shares should go higher.

War Eagle was in good demand at from $1.25 to $1.30, but there were little or no transactions for the reason that the market seems to be bare of this stock, or because those who hold the stock bought it with the intention of making investments.

From the manner in which properties are being taken over by strong companies it is evident that there will be but few left that are of value in the hands of those who are unable to handle them in Trail Creek division by the time the present season is over. Capital seems to stand ready to take hold of and develop mineral properties of any fair degree of merit that are held by companies or individuals who are not in a good enough financial condition to operate them. The trend of affairs indicates that the coming open season will witness in this division a degree of activity that will be simply wonderful, and one of the conditions of this energy will be a lively stock market.

Alfred Austin's Poem.

LONDON, March 28.—All the morning papers give prominence to a poem by Mr. Alfred Austin, the poet-laureate, which appears under a brief extract from a New York dispatch recording a feeling in favor of an Anglo-American entente. The poem is as follows:

"What is the voice I hear
On the wind of the Western seas;
Sentinel listen from out Cape Clear,
And say what the voice may be.

'Tis a proud, free people calling,
Calling loud to a people proud and free,
And it says to them, kinsmen hail,
We severed have been too long.

Now let us have done with a worn out tale,
The tale of an ancient wrong;
And our friendship last long as love doth last,
And be stronger than death is strong."

FROM OTHER CAMPS

The Antoine Will Declare a Dividend Next Month.

CONSOLATION ALL RIGHT

Prospectors Are Beginning to Get Into the Mountains—A Half Interest in East Kootenay Properties Sold to an English Syndicate.

The news from the other camps this week indicate a great deal of activity. One of the features is a strike that has been made on the Consolation placer property on French creek in the Ainsworth district. Prospectors are beginning to resume operations, and the fact will be found chronicled below that several prospecting parties have started out to look for new finds on the north fork of the Kettle river.

SLOCAN DIVISION.

The Payne mine in the Slocan is at present working a force of 70 men. As soon as the regular water supply is available, the force will be largely increased.

George Alexander of Kaslo has purchased the Full Hand Show Down mining claims on Goat mountain in the Goat river mining division.

The work on the double compartment shaft of the Galena Farm in the Slocan district is to be resumed, and an extra force of men will shortly be engaged.

It is stated that the sum of $125 will fully cover the expense of repairing the damage done on the Noble Five tramway by the recent snow slide.

Eight inches of clean ore are found in the tunnel of the Conductor, near the Queen Bess.

Five men working on the Rainbow near Slocan City, in three weeks have have taken out 100 sacks of ore.

J. M. Harris says that he will soon ship to Swansea as an experiment, about 100 tons of zinc ore. He expects the shipment to run something near 50 per cent zinc, with a considerable silver value.

Development work was started up on the Goodenough at the beginning of this week with a force of eight men.

Close on 300 feet of tunnel work has been put on the Westmount, Ten Mile, by Frank Griffith. Last week a strike was made, the paystreak being three inches of galena ore.

Dr. D. Bell-Irving was in New Denver last Friday after spending some days at the Comstock mine, Four Mile. He reports the property looking as well as the owners could wish. Twenty-five men are at work and preparations are being made to erect a concentrator there.

The Antoine will finish up the month with a record of five cars of rich ore, as a result of which a substantial dividend will be paid during the early part of next month. Manager Ryan, who was in town yesterday, says the mine is looking better than ever before. He will probably ship six or eight cars during April.

NELSON DIVISION.

A. L. Davenport, owner of the Poorman mine, arrived in Nelson a few days ago, and went out to inspect the property, with a view to resuming operations.

During the course of digging a foundation for a new house on a lot in Nelson belonging to Constable Ince, a fine mineral vein showing considerable galena was uncovered. Mr. Ince at once recorded a claim.

The Fern made a shipment of gold bullion to the United States mint last week. The clean-up from the plates was most satisfactory.

REVELSTOKE AND TROUT LAKE.

A great number of Fish creek claim holders are waiting about for the snow to get off a little so as to allow them to get up to work on their claims and there is no doubt but that a number of good properties will be opened up this summer.

Messrs. Bullard, Summer and Ritchie will continue work on the Copper Lade group. A 30-foot tunnel was run on this property last fall, and the boys are very much pleased with the showing.

The Glengarry claims will be worked by an English company. This property is considered one of the best in the district.

Work will also be pushed on the Kitsap and Nellie group on Lexington creek. A number of claims will be worked on the Moscow and Mohawk lead, and it is expected that the Moscow will make a shipment before long.

The Lardeau Goldsmith company will start work on the Ophir group as soon as possible.

The Agnes and Black Bear groups on Pool creek will have considerable work done on them. These claims have a good showing.

Messrs. Bailey and Gainer are around waiting to go up to the Sultana group. This group has a very fine showing, and is situated near the well known Great Western claims very near the Northeast Arm, and handy for shipping ore, which they expect to do at no distant date. A shaft will be sunk on the Copper King, a property which runs 30 per cent in copper.

A smelter is to be erected on the Illecillewaet river close to the C. P. R., by the united forces of the Waverley, Tangier and Gold Fields of British Columbia companies. They will also construct a railway from their mines to the works.

Three placer claims have recently been staked on French creek in the Big Bend country, adjoining the Consolidation mine.

Development work has been resumed on the Bad Shot mine, in the Trout Lake country, with a small force.

AINSWORTH DIVISION.

J. Sweeney and the party of miners working on the Consolation on French creek have got through the slide opposite the mouth of Halliday creek, and in the first four buckets taken out of the paystreak close up to their laggings took out $29.79 in coarse gold, including one nugget worth $10.

The Kaslo-Slocan Development company, limited, last week consummated the purchase of a promising group of White Grouse mountain claims, known as the Copper Star group. Mrs. Jennie E. Harris, S. D. Landecker and J. J. Casey sold the property, taking stock in the company and becoming officers and directors. The group consists of the Copper Star, Grey Copper, Haultonian, Klondike, Alaska and Petra.

The Nip & Tuck and Stanley claims, situated near Whitewater, and owned by Duncan McDonald, are to be sold by Deputy Sheriff Robinson, at the court house here on April 4, to satisfy a judgment in favor of J. A. Turner & Co. for $100.

A petition was circulated recently by Madison & Hicks and Carl Nelson and forwarded this week to Victoria for an appropriation of $7,000 for the extension of the wagon road up the South Fork of Kaslo creek, seven miles above the Montezuma mine. It was signed by 320 free miners.

A deal is pending on the Hootalinkwa claim, near the Whitewater mine, between the owners and some Montreal parties. It is the intention of the prospective purchasers to start development work on the property at once if the sale is consummated.

The Montezuma has closed down the mill and all the upper workings of the mine. The force retained will push the lower crosscut ahead wi[illegible] all possible speed. It is estimated tha[illegible] it will cut in about 95 feet.

THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

Extra men are being [illegible]ed to work on the Golden Crown, Wellington camp. As many men as ca[illegible] be worked to advantage are being kept at work.

Five men are working on the upper tunnel on the Non-Such in Smith's camp. The tunnel is in 140 feet, and it is intenped to run in 300 feet. The work now being done is on the lead. When the tunnel has been run 300 feet it is the intention to connect the upper and lower tunnels with a shaft.

Con Cosgrove and J. J. McMullen have a force of men at work on the May Queen and Lay Over, Hardy mountain. These claims are near, or in Wellington camp, and the same quality of o[illegible] found in the ledge of the May Que[illegible] that in the Winnipeg.

J. P. Harlan went up to Deadwood camp on Thursday to inspect the work being done on the Marguerite, and outline a pan for future development on the claim. It has been decided to sink from the crosscut, following the ore body, a distance of about 50 feet. This will probably complete the work for this season. Mr. Harlan is well pleased with the results of the work so far done, and has no doubts but that the Marguerite will prove to be a mine.

On the Old Ironsides in Greenwood camp, work is still being pushed on both shaft and crosscut. The crosscut from the 100-foot level has been run 60 feet in ore and the hanging wall has not yet been reached. Twelve men are employed running two shifts. A new pump was ordered the past week. The machinery ordered some time ago for the the Knob Hill, it is expected, will be on the ground some time in April.

Assessment work is being done on the Kankakee, Skylark camp, by H. Hansen and Geo. Inkster.

The contract for building the cabins on the Sunset in Deadwood camp has been let to Mr. Palmer of Greenwood.

Several prospecting parties have fitted out and started for the North Kettle River country.

EAST KOOTENAY.

Messrs. Wakefield, Farrell, Thies, Morris and others have sold a half interest in the following claims to a large English company: Rebecca, Nettie, Montreal, Ottawa, Quebec, Point Levi, Silver Reef and Hummer. The conditions of the sale are, that $45,000 shall be expended during a period of three years, $10,000 each year on the property, and $5,000 in cash to the owners. These conditions will convey to the syndicate a half interest in the property. Work will be commenced as soon as the season will permit.

Alex Polson has conveyed a one-tenth interest in the Standard, Coranado and Arena claims to J. D. Elmendorf of Spokane. This transfer is only the conveyance of one owner to the other as per agreement in relation to the outfitting of the prospectors who discovered the psoperty.

"Lardo Jack" Macdonald has sold the Freeman claim to an English syndicate. The property is situated on Tracy creek.

A prospecting party will shortly leave Golden for the Canal River district.

A strong composed of Messrs. Fink, Thies, Shepard, Ross, Herchmer and others have applied to the government for a lease of six miles of rich placer ground on Perry creek.

The Moyie Placer company had a formal meeting of stockholders recently, it was voted that active operations be commenced as soon as the season will permit. There is no doubt that the ground held by this company is very rich, with every convenience as to water and timber.

Albert Bank has sold the Maple Leaf, sitvated on the North Star hill, to N. E. Lindsay of Spokake.

S. R. Frazier has sold an interest in the Alpha, East Kootenay, Saref and Edith claims, to J. K. Mackintosh. These claims are situated on Pyramid creek, a tributary of the St. Mary's river.

Vehicles Running on Wheels.

Among the signs of spring that are strongly in evidence at present is the fact that several vehicles have been taken off runners and are now being run on wheels. Here and there the ground is bare, and it would take a chinook only a few days to completely do away with the snow.