

GOLD NEAR PORT ARTHUR.

A couple of days ago while two men were chopping wood on lot 24, Con. A. Slate River, they found an old pick which had apparently been resting where found for 15 or 20 years. The men thought very properly that where the pick was there must be something to use it on, and after clearing away the snow and brush found a well defined vein of quartz showing gold in large quantities.

They will immediately set about developing the find, and there is no doubt in the minds of those who have seen the specimens that the discovery will prove to be a very rich one.

Mr. James Murphy, president of the Fort William Board of Trade, has discovered a vein near the Shuniah mine road, five miles north of Port Arthur. We understand that the indications are good, gang of men are clearing away the surface the discovery by having it opened up. A gang of men are clearing away the surface

RICH IN ORE.

Paul Gaston, a well known mining man, arrived in Spokane from Victoria, He brought with him some rock containing about 20 pounds of the richest copper ore that has ever been seen in the city. Every specimen is fairly seamed with native copper, while some pieces are chunks of pure copper. So fabulously rich were the samples shown that many volunteered the information that it was a matte that had been run through a smelter. The Miner correspondent took a sample to well-known assayers here, who at once pronounced it virgin ore, as it came from the ground.

Mr. Gaston was asked where it came from, but declined to give the exact location, saying he wanted to get hold of all the ground he could before others got in.

"All I can tell you at present," said he, "is that it is an entirely new district and is located on the boundary line in

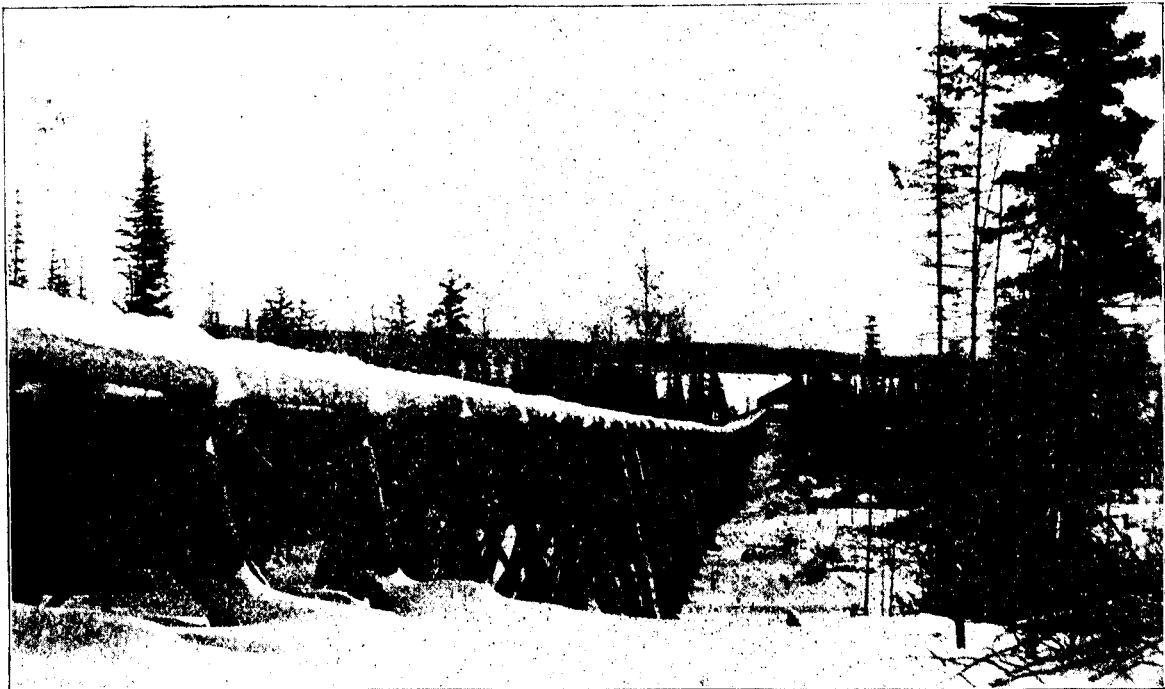
NEW MAP OF KOOTENAY.

We have received from Mr. Thomas Henry the Montreal representative of the Northern Pacific Railway, what will be of value to all who are interested in the Kootenay mining district, viz.: a new and very complete colored map of the mineral bearing region of Eastern British Columbia. The various minerals found in the different sections are clearly shown and the entire map reflects credit on the railway issuing it. It has been compiled from the latest surveys and the maps of the British Columbia Mining Department, and is the most up-to-date map we have seen.

AT BOUNDARY CREEK.

Mr. H. H. Huff is making a thorough test of the coal from Rock Creek, as regards its value for blacksmiths' work.

The bond held by the British Canadian Exploration Company on the Lewellar



THE FOLEY MINE—TRAMWAY 4,000 FEET LONG.

debris, and we hope to be able to announce in a short time that the property is a record breaker.—Port Arthur Journal.

MEERSCHAUM MINING IN TURKEY.

Rich deposits of meerschaum are found twenty miles to the south-east of Eski-Shehir, a station of the Anatolian Railway. Pits from 25 feet to 120 feet deep are dug, and when the bed is struck, horizontal galleries are made; but more than two galleries are seldom to be found in one pit.

The stone as extracted is called ham-tash (rough block), and is soft enough to be easily cut with a knife. It is white, with a yellowish tint, and is covered with a thickness of about an inch of red clayey soil. In this state the blocks are purchased by dealers, by the bulk, the price varying from £5 to £30 per load, according to quality. Most of the finest specimens of the dried meerschaum are sent direct to Paris. It is maintained, locally, that the Eski-Shehir meerschaum is superior to that of the Crimea, and also to that of Greece.—Industrial Advocate.

the northern limits of Okanogan, county. The ledge is from 12 to 40 feet in width, and extends on both sides of the boundary line. It is well defined for miles. I had assays made of the rock at Victoria, which showed from 10 to 90 per cent. copper, \$6 to \$16 in gold, with a trace of silver.

"I have just bonded 14 claims. It is the richest find of copper ever made and in my opinion Butte and Anaconda will not be in it with the new district."

Mining men here are greatly interested in the new discovery, and those who have seen the sample ore pronounce it the richest they have ever seen.—Rossland Miner.

STILL WANT LE ROI.

A despatch from Spokane states that the London syndicate that is negotiating for the purchase of Le Roi has asked that the time be extended as they want to amend their proposition.

claim, in Greenwood camp, has been taken up.

The London and British Columbia Gold Fields Company has purchased two Anaconda claims, the New York and the No. 9, in Central camp.

The Commercial Club, of Anaconda, has petitioned the chief commissioner of lands and works to shorten the road between Penticton and Grand Forks, and to improve the grades, also for a waggon road to Central camp and one between Boundary and Fourth of July Creek.

Four claims have been sold within the last few days by Mr. Otto Dillier, all situated within a short distance of Greenwood.—The New Alaska, an extension of the San Bernard, in Providence camp, to Mr. C. S. Galloway; the Esperanza, to Messrs. Rendell and Bert Taylor; the Arion to Mr. W. B. Paton; the London to Mr. Cotnam.—Boundary Creek Times.

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