

British Columbia.

CHILLWACK.
We are having lovely all weather and everybody is taking advantage of the same. Produce is coming in in quantities every day, more especially of which there appears to be quite an abundance.

Mr. Alfred Parry, who bought a buggy at Mr. Wilson's sale on Saturday, was bringing it home with a neighbor's horse which ran away and collided with a threshing machine, upset the rig, threw Mr. Parry out and smashed two of his ribs. The buggy was broken to pieces.

Isaac Kipp has had three teams steadily at work for about a week erecting a dyke to protect his land against the annual rise of the Fraser. Good progress has been made and the work will proceed rapidly. Messrs. Reece and McCutcheon will join in the enterprise as soon as their land is reached. It is expected that the dyke will afford ample protection to the parties concerned against water at least a foot above that of the past summer, while the cost will be less than the loss of a single year.

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J. P. O. Allaire, French passenger agent for the N. P. R., arrived in town on Thursday last accompanied by nine heads of French families who have left their homes in St. Boniface, Man., and turned their faces toward the setting sun, determined to make their fortunes among the mountains of mineral of the Kettle River district. In speaking of the prospects for more immigration from Manitoba, Mr. Allaire said quite a number of French families intended moving to Grand Forks in the spring.

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between Penticon and Grand Forks. Neither of these is being carried out according to the agreement which the people of the district were led to suppose had been entered into. Apparently the two stage lines have formed a combine and syndicated their interests, the Slocan line making its terminus at Greenwood City and the Marcus line also terminates its run at the same place. Doubtless this is a great convenience to the owners of the stage lines. One lessens his run nine miles and the other over twenty, while Midway and Boundary Falls are out just three miles each week.

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twenty feet and has a streak of three feet of solid paying ore. J. F. Sinclair, the mining expert, who in the South belt a few days ago, looked over the Rossland Star, and came across a piece of ground, now called the Evening Star No. Two, which he regards as having a great showing on top. There is no doubt that before long the South belt will compare favorably with the North belt. To-day a good figure was offered for half of the Evening Star Number Two, but was refused on account of one-half being bonded to Victoria parties.

Superintendent John V. Cole, of the White Bear, has completed all arrangements for the rapid and complete development of that rich Red Mountain property. The mammoth machinery is now in place and work is proceeding with vigor on the machinery building, 24x30 feet in dimensions, and that structure will be completed in about fifteen days.

THE ROSSLANDER.

C. W. Callahan, of London, on Wednesday sent six men out under led livery to do work on the claims he and his associates purchased on Murphy Creek. Work will be carried on all winter.

Last week about 75 per cent. of the pooled stock of the Caledonia Consolidated company was sold to Toronto parties. It is announced that the company will be reorganized for \$2,000,000 instead of \$500,000 as at present.

Track laying with the Red Mountain railway has reached this side of Barney's ranch, and is being pushed forward, so that two weeks or less will see it complete to Red Mountain. The only obstacle is the river, from its mouth to about opposite the O. K. and a gang of men is at work there. To-day Engineer Roberts paid about \$3000 in customs duties on the working engine, flat cars and tools to be used on this side of the boundary line.

On the Nest Egg a drift was started in from the 50-foot level, and after going 30 feet practically the whole face of the drift was in ore, running higher in copper than any previously found in the mine. Last week the last adverse against the title was settled, and the property will now be crown granted.

One of the biggest ore bodies in the camp has been shown to exist on the Cliff. That property is developed by three tunnels, one above the other, on the same vein. Above the third there was a good surface showing, but the work was done to discover what lay underneath until recently, when three men were put to work to strip the ledge. Their labors have shown the existence of a body of ore 30 feet wide, stripped to about 100 feet length. Assays from the surface of this, no sinking having been done, run from \$10 to \$40 in gold and as high as 20 per cent in copper has been got. It will thus be seen that shipping ore is got from the surface. The lower tunnel, if continued, it is calculated, would strike this ore body, if it holds out.

Some good looking galena was brought up on Saturday night from the Copper Belle, one of the claims of the Wanta and Trail Creek Gold Mining Company. These assays about nine ounces of galena within less than a mile, which run well in copper. P. W. Peterson, who has charge of the work, is down only about four feet, so that for this depth the result is considered very satisfactory.

On the Ivanhoe the shaft is down 20 feet, and a tunnel of 100 feet has been run in ledge all the way. Assays of late have been improving. At the Allan House on Saturday evening J. Fred Ritchie, civil engineer and a member of the townsite company, was invited in marriage to Miss Jane Adams, sister of Mrs. M. E. Allan, Rev. Mr. Ladd officiating.

Mr. J. A. Jones and others who have been through the salmon river country, state that so far as the locations and development work is concerned, both at Central Park and at the drill hall, with the Morris tube.

NANAIMO.

There were four records of mineral locations made at the government office on Thursday, one being on Hestia creek and the other three on Thurlow island. All the locations were made by Vancouver people.

Mr. A. Dick, inspector of mines, reports that the flooding of No. 3 mine, Wellington, has been progressing rapidly for some time, arrived in the city on the beginning of next week. A large stream of water from the lakes has been pouring into the mine for about a week, so that the fire area by this time should have been nearly covered. Mr. Dick says it is probable that work in No. 4 workings will be fully resumed next week.

First snow of the season on Mount Benson Saturday morning. The Silver Spur Mineral claim was recorded at the government office by Mr. John Wilson, of the steamer City of Nanaimo. The claim is situated on Texada island.

By the City of Nanaimo a huge sample of Van Anda ore taken from the bottom of the workings and carrying a high percentage of free gold was brought down to be sent to the Imperial Lignite, London, England. The Van Anda vein has been improving greatly in the last few days and another rich lead of free gold has been struck.

While tacking against a stiff southerly wind near the Decourcy islands in a small boat, Jas. McCann and John Silver, two Kuper Island ranchers, on the way home from Nanaimo, were upset. By good luck Mark Edgar and Dan McConvey, of Gabriola island, were near by in a boat and succeeded in rescuing the two men. The boat was recovered, but all their supplies and property were lost.

It has been reported that a double-ended boat, lightly built and painted inside and out of a light blue, contour relieved with two dark green stripes; upwards, bow and stern, is also painted dark green, has been picked up in the gulf about eight miles east of the Ballinas. The boat contained two oars, four pairs row locks and two grain sacks. Capt. John Grahlin says that a boat answering to that description was brought over to Vancouver by the steamer about a week ago consigned to a Capt. Morgan, who took it off the slip, and has not been there since.

Mr. T. Kitchen has received some magnificent specimens of gold and silver ore from Copper King, a location situated on the banks of Cameron lake, and almost contiguous to the Nanaimo-Island road. This is the mine that gave excellent surface indications about a year

ago, and created quite a flurry of excitement at the time. The mine is owned by Mr. Kitchen and others, and they have had men engaged for some time sinking a shaft, which is now down about 25 feet, exposing a large rich ledge. The ore shows silver in the solid like the Kettle mine, and has some slight indications of copper. Experts consider this claim will out-ride the rich Van Anda, and that it will increase in richness as a further depth is obtained.

SLOCAN.

The passing of a law to prevent aliens from staking mineral claims in British Columbia will likely be passed at the next meeting of the local legislature. This is the kind of a law they have in the United States.

The Enterprise will ship from 800 to 1,000 tons of ore this winter. The snow has about closed the prospecting season in the Slocan. George Petty has built a rawhide trail to the Victoria on Dayton creek, and will ship ore this winter.

Adam McKay died of heart disease in Three Forks last Friday. He was well known in the Slocan and Kaslo. At the time of his death he was a partner with Ira W. Black in the hotel business at the Forks.

W. B. Thompson and his partner Smith recently bought Sam Sturck's ranch near Silverton for \$50. They sold it the other day to J. C. Harris, of Victoria, for \$1,000, and have taken up another one on the Galena Farm.

The Republic group of three claims, situated between Twelve Mile and Springer Creeks, have been bonded to Hector McPherson, of Brandon, Man., for \$25,000, 5 per cent. down. Sutherland and Montgomery are the owners.

The Alpine is under way to be bonded to Frye White for \$60,000. There are four claims in the group, all of them good propositions. The owners are Foss, Heckman, Stege, Clever and Crawford.

The work goes steadily on at the Currie Fraction on the Galena Farm. The Republic group of three claims, and adjoining claims under bond are doing most of their work on the Fraction. Shaft and bunkhouses have recently been finished. The foundation has been made for an office, which will be built as soon as lumber can be obtained.

A short distance to the west of the present working another shaft has been commenced which will tap the ledge, probably at a depth of 200 feet. The company intend to turn the water in Gold Creek their way, which will give them excellent power for concentrating and other purposes.

Many miners in the Slocan complain about meals and sleeping accommodations provided them by their employers. In many cases the bunkhouses are filthy and cold, while the grub served in the dining room is tough enough to make a fine wolf bite her pups. These things should not be, as men rich enough to operate a silver mine should be generous enough to make the lives of their workmen as pleasant as possible.

David Bremner, acting for the Scotch syndicate he represents, has bonded the Wakefield, Ottawa and Cuzubaza, for \$25,000, 10 per cent cash. These claims are owned by George Fairbairn, W. Smith, Paul and Charles Anderson, and others in the vicinity of Reed and Robertson. Eightmen have been put to work and the property will be rapidly developed.

The Black Prince No. 2, on Lemon creek, has a ledge two feet in width carrying gold and silver. For several weeks past eight men have been working on the property and they have driven two tunnels, one fifteen and the other forty-three feet in length. This work has improved the appearance of the mine and operations have been lessened until orders are received from Osborne, Plunkett as to future development.

KAMLOOPS.

The Glen Iron Mine company has an order from the Tacoma smelter for 500 tons of iron ore. E. Westwood Walls has the contract for taking the ore out, and he went down to the mine yesterday with the necessary outfit of men and materials.

On Tuesday evening Hon. N. Clarke Wallace, whose visit had been expected for some time, arrived in the city. Mr. Wallace is Grand Master of the Orange-men of British North America. A deputation of local Orangemen drove up the line on Tuesday as far as Duck's to meet their chieftain at that point and escorted him into the city. When the train arrived there was a large number of Orangemen and other citizens congregated at the depot to welcome the distinguished visitor. On the platform he was introduced to many of those present, and afterwards escorted to the Grand Pacific hotel, where apartments had been prepared for him during his stay in the city. On Wednesday Mr. Wallace was driven out to the mines on Coal Hill by W. Thos. Newman, and had a good look at all the properties.

He is here on mining business, and is said to have been most favorably impressed by what he saw on Wednesday. A formal reception for Mr. Wallace took place at the Orange hall on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, and at that hour the handsome and spacious hall was filled with the Orangemen and their friends. Mr. Wallace was presented with an address, to which he replied in an eloquent speech.

Messrs. F. C. Innes and W. Pellowe, of Vancouver, and Robert Buchanan, of this city, started out this morning to visit the Homestake mine at Adams' lake. They were preceded yesterday afternoon by the three miners and the necessary outfit, who will take out some 90 sacks (about 9,000 pounds) of the Homestake ore, on which it is proposed to make some extensive experiments to discover the best method of treatment. The cyanide and other processes will be tried.

During the week James Cobeldick completed the bond on Mr. Guerin's claim on Coal Hill, \$500 being paid down, the balance, \$13,000, to be due at the expiration of twelve months. Cobeldick has also been in negotiation to secure several of the adjoining claims, namely, the Bluebird, owned by J. M. Morrison; the Golden Tip, owned by G. Smith; J. Lavery and L. V. Bennett; and the Neighbor and Champion, owned by M. J. McIver, B. Blair and H. Deby.

Mr. "Alice" has not yet been completed. Mr. Cobeldick says he intends stripping the ledge in order to find its bearings. Active development is to be begun without delay. On Wednesday while Hon. N. Clarke

Wallace and Robert Buchanan were driving home from a visit to the Iron Mask mine a runaway accident occurred, which fortunately had no serious consequences. By some means the horse they were driving got out of their control, and upsetting the vehicle both gentlemen were precipitated to the ground in a very violent manner. The horse got away and soon succeeded in wrecking the vehicle completely. Beyond a slight bruise or two the gentlemen were uninjured.

On Tuesday Mr. Victor Guillaume's two large barns and contents were totally destroyed, a total loss of between four and five thousand dollars. The ranch has been under lease for some time to Wm. Johnston, who loses the bulk of his season's crop, consisting of a quantity of hay and about 45 tons of grain, (oats, barley and wheat), besides a valuable pair of horses and some implements. Nearly the whole of Mr. Guillaume's extensive stock of farm implements was destroyed. The only injury on the whole property consumed was \$1,000 on the buildings, in the Phoenix of Hartford. A considerable quantity of grain has been shovelled out from the smouldering heaps, of course very greatly damaged.

Hon. N. C. Wallace and W. Thos. Newman left last night for a trip through the Southern Kootenay country. Mr. Newman informs us that immediately on his return he will begin work on the development of the Iron Mask claim. He will put up substantial buildings so that a full force of men can be employed all winter.

QUESNELLE.

The steamer Charlotte made her initial trip to Soda Creek yesterday, leaving the town of Quesnelle at 10 a.m. and reaching her destination in good time. Her trip has been satisfactory and her machinery is all that could be desired. Her boilers were made in Vancouver. The Charlotte is a perfect model and moves gracefully through the water as she steams against the rapid current of the Fraser. The Charlotte is under the command of Captain Odin, and W. McArthur is the engineer, both of Victoria.

A fine silver lead has been located on the Cottonwood this week. The discoverer awaits the result of the presidential election before he makes any further effort to develop the claim, hoping 16 to 1 may pass.

A contract has been let by Seymour Baker, C. E., to cut a sleighroad to the Hixon creek claim from the Baker claim.

ALBERNI MINES.

A Review of Operations on the Different Claims. Development work is progressing rapidly on the mines at China creek and at the time of writing over one hundred men are at work in the vicinity of China creek.

The road from the stamp mill to the Alberni claim is now being rapidly pushed ahead, a large number of men being engaged on it.

The tunnel on the Mountain Rose is progressing favorably, but it is expected that considerable time will yet elapse before the ledge is struck, as the rock is very hard, and a large amount of this completed distance has yet to be driven before the lead is struck at the depth down they are driving.

On the Regina group, Hovelague, Moir and McKinnon are still steadily at work. They have now nearly a dozen different shafts, drives, slopes and prospecting cuts and on the several claims. At the time of writing orders are being placed in 50 feet, and the next 25 to 28 feet in the rock.

The Mayflower, a claim held by the Westwood brothers, is a claim that has been attracting a great deal of attention lately as the rock produced from there has been the best yet shown in the district, being an ore comprised principally of copper and galena and closely resembling the Kootenay's richest discoveries. This claim, like the Regina, is situated on the southern side of China creek and on the northern side of Mount Douglas. It lies north and adjoins the Regina group—there also being a great similarity in the quartz and ore produced from each—though in the Mayflower the ore contains galena and the ledge has not the capping that is on the Regina.

The Duke of York company have laid their men off until the fall rains supply the creek with enough rain for them to pipe with. Development in the handling of the other hydraulic properties are being awaited with interest.

A mining expert, Mr. Smith, has been here recently inspecting a number of mineral claims for Victoria people. It is understood that work has ceased for the present on the Starva mines. The tunnel when left was in a fine body of ore.

The latest heard of both the Ace of Spades and the Minerva Cassard is that the leads are both looking well and considerable work has been done. Mr. F. H. Stirling, who is connected with several mining propositions in Alberni and has been in that district for some time past, came down by last evening's stage. Mr. Stirling reports that though there is no news of a startling character from there the district is wide-awake and is rapidly going ahead. On most of the larger mines the work being development work of a kind which does not show for much at present. On the Alberni Consolidated the road is nearing completion and will be finished, unless the present rain interferes, in about two weeks. Work on the Mountain Rose has progressed farther at each report as work is being pushed constantly. The tunnel is still some 30 feet from the vein. On the Alberni Consolidated some men are being again put to work in the tunnel with the drill.

The Duke of York hydraulic claim has stopped its monitors on account of lack of water, and the other hydraulic claims are just now inactive for the same reason. The new claim on Mineral Hill, called the Minnesota, in which Mr. G. A. Kirk has an interest, is looking exceedingly well. The surface assays from the ledge were excellent and are improving greatly as the vein is opened up. Great things are prophesied of the Minnesota—Nanaimo Free Press.

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