

ROSSLAND MINES.

Velvet.—A force of 35 men are at work on the Velvet. The main adit of the mine is in for a distance of 340 feet. On the 250-foot level drifting on the ore body is in progress, and it has been drifted on for a distance of 30 feet. On the 150-foot level drifting along the ledge is in progress and the showing is very satisfactory. In fact, the mine is looking well throughout. The work of filling the contract for 1,000 cords of wood for winter use is making good progress. Work on the buildings is being pushed. The intention is to put in a snow road that ore may be hauled out.

Mountain Trail.—Work continues on the two double compartment shafts which are now down for a depth of about 60 feet. The shafts are sunk on the vein, and are about 250 feet apart. The ore is increasing in richness with depth. The intention is to shortly commence drifting from one shaft to the other along the vein. A contract for an aerial tramway from the Mountain Trail to the company's concentrator, a distance of about a mile and a half, has been let. The tramway from the mine to the ore bins is about completed. The force of men at work is constantly being increased.

Evening Star.—The shaft being sunk from the lower tunnel is down for a distance of 30 feet. Drifting is in progress from the lower tunnel to the east and the west. The vein has been proven for a distance of 170 feet on this level. This shows the ore shoot to be 170 feet horizontal length and 230 feet in inclined depth. Stopping has been in progress all the week from the reserves of ore shipped during the week from the Evening Star.

Le Roi.—Shipments continue on the usual basis, while the system of development is being extended. The new hoisting station in the Black Bear tunnel will be completed and equipped with an electric hoist in about three weeks. The Black Bear shaft has reached the 600-foot level and is being rapidly sunk to the 700, which point it is expected to reach by the time the new hoist is installed. At the 900-foot level in the main shaft a station is being cut out. Twenty-seven machines are working.

Deer Park.—Drifting is in progress to the south on the 300-foot level. The drifting was commenced at a point 90 feet from the shaft. There is seven feet four inches of solid ore near the hanging wall, but it is not of a high grade. Drifting is in progress along this ore body in the hope of finding a richer show of ore than has hitherto been encountered. Three eight-hour shifts are at work. All the surface showings are being sampled and surface prospecting is in progress.

Josie.—The shaft is now down 475 feet, and is being rapidly sunk to the 500-foot level. The Josie compressor has been brought into use, and power for the drills and hoist is now obtained from that source instead of from the Le Roi compressor. The gallows frame for the new electric hoist is being constructed. It will have a height of 61 feet.

White Bear.—The shaft has now reached a depth of 295 feet and will be completed to the 300-foot level this week. The rock in the last few feet of the shaft has been very hard. It is expected that crosscutting will be commenced from the 300-foot level in a few days. The outlook is of an encouraging character.

Number One.—A plan of increasing development is now being carried out. At the 400-foot level a station is being cut, preparatory to extensive work on that level and below, while the upraise from the 300 to the 200, and another from the 200 to the surface, are also under way.

I. X. L.—Work continues on the lower drift tunnel. A vein of four feet of ore has been met there. The management is reticent as to the recent strike, but from other sources, which are authentic, it is learned that a strike of free gold has been

made. Samples taken from the strike fairly teem with free gold.

Bunker Hill. At present work is being concentrated on the road, 17 men being employed in rock cutting and grading. In a few days, however, actual mining will be resumed, and a new tunnel will be run to tap the main ledge at a considerable depth.

Heather Bell. Three shifts are now working on the property. A crosscut is being run from the bottom of the shaft towards the ledge, which the management expects to reach in the course of a week or two.

Wallisford.—The drift on the ledge is now in 80 feet from the crosscut, the face being within 70 feet of the shaft. Progress is being made at the rate of three feet a day, three shifts being at work. Considerable copper is met with in the drift.

Great Western.—The new plant is now in position, and its operation is only delayed until the boiler setting dries out. The shaft is being timbered up, preparatory to the resumption of work to-morrow.

Iron Mask.—Steady shipments of one and a half cars a day are maintained, while development work is carried on without abatement. Sinking in the winze on the 350-foot level continues.

Waneta and Trail Creek.—Sinking continues on the Copper Bell. The shaft contract is nearly completed, and a drift will be commenced this week.

Portland.—The tunnel which was recently started on this property is now in for a distance of 60 feet. Preparations are under way for the sinking of an air shaft.

Green Mountain.—The shaft has now reached a depth of 215 feet and the work will be continued until the 300-foot level is reached. The showing of ore continues in the shaft.

Coxey.—Work has been resumed on No. 2 tunnel for the purpose of crosscutting the ledge. The work of prospecting on the surface continues.

Royal George.—The work being carried on at present consists of a prospect shaft, in which good progress is being made.

Gertrude.—Prospecting on the surface of the Gertrude continues. Crosscutting is in progress on the 200-foot level.

Columbia-Kootenay.—Development is being pushed as rapidly as possible. No new reports.

Nickel Plate.—The shaft is down to the 300-foot level, and sinking to the 400 is in progress.

GRANBY GOLD MINING AND SMELTING COMPANY.

The above company have so many strings to their bow that they cannot help making handsome dividends in the course of time. In addition to the smelter which is bound to pay handsomely, they own the Victoria mine, whose prospects are as bright as any, the Grand Forks Light and Power Company, which controls the enormous power developed by the rapids at Grand Forks, and the town site of Phoenix which is going ahead by leaps and bounds.

In the course of conversation last week a large holder of the stock made the statement that he would rather have Granby stock than either Old Ironsides or Knob Hill, and it seems to us that he is about right.

MAJESTIC.

The long tunnel is now in 440-foot, and drifting north and south is being pushed vigorously to crosscut. The lead all the time is working through a mineralized ground with good ore in the main tunnel.

KNOB HILL.

Very satisfactory reports continue to come in from Knob Hill, the rate of progress being about the same from week to week. Immense bodies of ore are being blocked out and by the time the smelter is ready, the body of ore awaiting treatment will be simply enormous.

THE CITY OF PARIS.

The above mine was visited recently by Philadelphia gentlemen who are considerable holders of the stock. They were agreeably surprised at the appearance of things in general. From reports to hand the outlook at present points to the property being one of the best on the list. As work progresses the ore on the south drift is increasing in volume and value.

OLD IRONSIDES.

The crosscut on the 327-foot level of the Old Ironsides in Greenwood Camp has just encountered the ledge. This is about 100 feet deeper than any other depth yet secured in the Boundary country. Heretofore all the drifting and crosscutting have been on the 100 and 200-foot levels, most of the work on the latter. There are two shafts on this property. No. 1 shaft was put down as a prospecting shaft and was sunk no further than the 200-foot level. It was sunk on the west side, or foot side of the vein, passing through about 45 feet of ore as it went down. No. 2 shaft or the permanent working shaft of the mine, was started 300 feet east of No. 1 shaft, and up to this time has been sunk in the country rock on the hanging wall side. The dip of the vein being to the east it was expected the shaft would cut the ore about the 300-foot level, but the vein straightened below the 200-foot level, and when the depth of 327 feet was reached, a cross-cut was started to the west to find the vein. This was run about 80 feet, and is just now coming into the ore. It is now thought the shaft will not cut the ore on the vertical line this side of the 500-foot level. No. 2, or the main working shaft, is 300 feet east of the old No. 1 shaft. Something over 200 feet of the intermediate space is taken up by the great ore body. Crosscuts on the 200-foot level have shown it to be over 200 feet wide there. For some time it was doubted whether the immense outcrop of the Ironsides was part of a regular vein or an irregular deposit. Now all doubts on that point have been removed. Both the foot and hanging walls have been found to be well defined. There is every evidence of a regular vein formation, not only in the walls, but in the continuation of the ore throughout Knob Hill and other claims to the south. Now that the ore has been found on the 327-foot level, explorations by crosscuts and drifts will be carried forward there as rapidly as possible. A new hoist is being erected over No. 2 shaft capable of working the mine to the 1,000-foot level. By the time the smelter, now building here, is ready to receive ore in January, the 327-foot level of the Ironsides will be well opened up, so that stopping can be carried on, both on this and the 200-foot level. Mining men can at once comprehend the possibilities of production that will exist on this property within a few months. The world has heard a good deal of the Anaconda at Butte, Montana; the Old Ironsides has a bigger ore body than the Anaconda ever had, and it is of better grade.

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