

north and south, to expose the ledge. The Iron Mask, cut at a 210 foot level, is said to show ore at about \$45 per ton, with clean ore 15 inches wide. In excavating for the new machinery plant the Iron Colt has, it is said, found the whole hillside at that point to be included in a very wide loop, very much as in the case of the Kootenay vein in the east side of Columbia hill. The new ore shute to the west of the old one in the Le Roi maintains its width. A "sample" assay gives \$388 in gold and 14 per cent. copper. In the Cliff property the fall of No. 2 tunnel furnishes a fine ground chalcopryite, carrying 2 ounces in gold and about 24 per cent. copper, or a total value of \$65 per ton. Southern Belle, Snowshoe tunnel, in a drift made from it, shows by an assay \$31.84 of gold and 20 per cent. of copper. Mayflower east drift, 25 feet, shows clean ore 30 inches wide.

Slocan.

The customs house returns show the average value of the ore exported from Nelson during the past week to be \$103.98 per ton.

The Rambler and Cariboo Gold and Silver Mining Company, operating the Rambler and other claims at Best Basin, in the Slocan, has declared its first dividend of \$20,000, payable March 15th.

A branch of the Bank of Montreal—the first by this bank in the Slocan—is to be opened in New Denver.

The *Ledge* says: "The Payne is shipping 1,500 tons a month, not 100,000, as an enterprising but unreliable Toronto paper reports it."

A British syndicate which floated the Galena Farm Company, and is energetically pushing the property has, according to the *New Denver Ledge*, purchased the Alamo basin properties and concentrators for \$500,000. The properties are said to be on a dividend paying basis. The White Metal holds its own and more in British Columbia.

Around Kamloops.

The management of the Gold Cup mine on Sugar Loaf Mountain are employing Chinese labor to the great indignation of the surrounding people and the Kamloops *Inland Sentinel*. The latter says:—"We believe that the Gold Cup mine is owned principally by Victorians, and we think representations should be made to the owners with a view to securing the immediate discharge of all Chinese. It would be better in the interests of Kamloops that the mines should not be developed than that the work should be done by Chinese. We say this in all seriousness, and are prepared to show sound reasons for the contention."

A strike of the most beautiful ore yet seen on Coal Hill, says the Kamloops *Inland Sentinel*, was made in the bottom of the shaft on the Bonnie Etta on Monday last. The vein here is over 6 feet wide between perpendicular walls, with a talcose selvage on both. There is considerable quartz in the rock, and it looks as though the gold values would run high. The Bonnie Etta lies between the Iron Mask and the Cherry Creek waggon road, which it adjoins.

Ainsworth.

The Black Diamond property in Ainsworth camp, is being developed by a dozen miners. The Tariff shipped ore this month. It employs 20 men, has a steam pump working to keep the water down, and a Burleigh drill is in operation. The upraise to the surface in the Highlander to give the miners good air

is completed. The Dellie mine has been working all winter. No. 1 mine is in full blast and the concentrator is working night and day, and a shipment of concentrates was made the other day to Everett.

The Jordan Pass.

The Jordan Pass is a narrow pass running in a north-west direction from the west bank of the Columbia river at Revelstoke, and striking through the divide between the Columbia and Shuswap lake. Through it the Jordan creek empties into the Columbia. The pass has numerous lateral branches striking through the hills, in one of which, at a distance of about 12 miles from Revelstoke, Messrs. Frisby and Reighley, two Kentucky boys, struck what they believe to be good leads, in the summer of 1894. They made 7 locations on what they look upon as one lead, divided into two groups, the Wildgoose and the St. Lawrence. Reighley and Frisby own 6 of the locations, and Bruce Horn the other. The first group, the Wildgoose, is the one on which the most development work has been done. On one of the claims an open cut has been made to the lead, and a shaft sunk down on it 35 feet, which at its lowest depth is entirely in solid mineral. This work has been done on a 12-foot ledge of silver-lead ore carrying gold but no copper. An assay of ore taken from the Wildgoose lead went \$2 gold, 20½ ounces silver, and 66 per cent. of lead. In a 10-foot ledge running above and parallel to it, a specimen taken from the capping assayed went \$4 in gold and light in silver and lead. An assay of the ore taken from the St. Lawrence went \$2 in gold and 15 ounces in silver.—*Revelstoke Herald*.

Pannings.

The incorporation bill of Rossland is to be rushed through. Colonel Scott and A. H. McNeill, the committee in charge of the bill, accompanied by Speaker Higgins and J. M. Kellie, M.P.P., had a long interview with Attorney General Eberts. Nelson was also represented at the interview by John Houston, John Elliott and W. A. Jewett. Nelson's incorporation bill will be modelled on the plan of the Rossland bill.

Mr. Eberts informed the delegation that he was in thorough sympathy with their request. He would have a draft bill made at once and present it to them to-day. It would be introduced by the government as a government measure and passed in the shortest time possible.

Grand Forks' bill of incorporation is likely to meet with some opposition from parties interested in real estate.

Armstrong & Cook of Toronto, are at Kootenay, buying.

The British Columbia Legislature defeated a resolution asking the Dominion Government to put an export duty on ore.

There has been another strike of cinnabar at Savona. Five claims have been located in the vicinity of the C.P.R. track. J. C. Cruse was the original locator.

Jim Clarke, owner of the Lone Pine, Eureka camp, on the reservation, says the *Boundary Creek Times*, has a force of thirty men at work developing the claim. \$200,000 has been offered on a bond for this property and refused.

The *Revelstoke Herald* learns on good authority that the True Fissure claim in the Great Northern group, near Ferguson in the Trout mining district, has been bonded by the Horne-Payne syndicate for \$80,000.

It has been learned that Mr. Parry, who is making the location survey for the Crow's Nest

Pass Railway, says the *Nelson Miner*, has completed his work from the mouth of Kootenay lake northward to Gultus creek, about half the distance to the point opposite Balfour.

In the spring snow slides form a menacing danger in mountain travelling in the mining districts of British Columbia. Harry Hughes, while travelling from Revelstoke to Cody, was caught in an avalanche of snow and carried nearly a mile. He may not recover.

Application will be made to the Dominion Parliament for an act to incorporate a company to build a railway from the head of Galena or Thumb bay, or Upper Arrow lake to the forks of Lardeau creek, with a branch to Trout lake; and extensions along the north and south branches of the Lardeau creek for a distance of ten miles; also a branch of 20 miles up Fish river.

A well-known mining man who was in town a day or two ago, has completed a deal for some property on Pool creek, which runs into Fish creek, not far above its mouth. He and the firm he represents in Spokane have large interests in the Slocan country, and has made up his mind that it is fully the equal of the Slocan. The gentleman in question is no wild-eyed enthusiast, but a shrewd, practical mining man, whose opinion cannot be gainsaid, and whose lead in the direction of Lardeau intending investors in mining property would be wise if they follow.—*Revelstoke Herald*.

For the week ending February 6th, the Hall Mines treated 910 tons of ore.

According to the *Nelson Miner*, the number of tons of ore exported from Kootenay this year amounts to 3,593 1-4 tons. The smelters have produced 1,405 tons of matte.

The ore shipments week before last from Slocan amounted to 504 1-2 tons. The matte and bullion shipments during the same period amounted to 383 tons, of which the Trail smelter furnished 301 tons and the Hall Mines 82 tons.

A Vancouver correspondent of the *New Denver Ledge* says a townsite is being surveyed close to the Golden Cache mine and one of the backers is to erect a block to be known as the Golden Cache Block. Dardanelles has withdrawn all treasury stock. In Alberni the conflicting shareholders of the Mountain Rose have pooled their interests and ended the ridiculous looking state of affairs recently witnessed.

The British Columbia courts are likely to soon decide the question of the ownership of timber upon mineral claims. The Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway Company has been selling merchantable timber wherever it could be found, and the fear is that the claims will all be denuded of wood before the timber is required for mining purposes. Hon. Col. Baker, Minister of Mines, having been appealed to, has given answer that the courts would have to decide the question.

Here is one phase of the mining fever. The *New Denver Ledge* says:—"A chunk of galena, 15 inches wide and 20 inches long, was brought into Sandon from the Good-enough last Saturday. It weighed 622 pounds and is worth \$750. Quite a number of mining men made a pool and entered into a guessing competition as to the weight of the chunk. George Wharton won the stakes with a guess of 620, while Colonel Sam got the farthest from it with a guess of 420.

The five directors of the Portland Mining Company have voluntarily reduced their salaries \$1,000 per year, each to \$100 per month.