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THE MINING REVIEW

Splendid Developments in the Centre Star.

15 FEET OF CLEAN ORE

Shipments Are Continuing at a Most Satisfactory Standard—The Showing in the Sunset—Good Ore in the Abe Lincoln—Stringers in Virginia.

The past week has been marked by a gratifying continuance of the heavy ore shipments that have been maintained during the past two months. The total production of the week amounted to 1,712 tons, and the announcement is made that in the latter part of next week the Le Roi will resume its shipments, and will output 200 tons daily. With this large increase to the camp's already heavy production the shipments this summer will almost double the best records of the past.

Of the ore sent out last week, the War Eagle accounted for 1,328 tons, thereby quite sustaining its promise to output about 200 tons daily. The Centre Star jumped suddenly into prominence as the second largest producer of the week, for the big mine sent not less than 272 tons to Trail. The ore came from the recent extraordinary developments in the west end of the property near the Le Roi end line, where a stope fully 15 feet wide has been opened in solid high grade mineral, and the boundaries of the big chute are not yet determined. The Iron Mask, one of the steadiest shippers in the camp, produced its regular quota of 80 tons, but owing to the reduction in the Monte Christo's available power, that property's shipments were cut down to 32 tons.

In the way of strikes there has been nothing more interesting during the past seven days than the development in the Sunset No. 2. In the west drift at the 300-foot level, in that property, now in 66 feet, a good body of ore on the foot wall has been followed for a distance of 46 feet. The pay seam runs from one to three feet in width, and the rest of the drift carries mineral. The showing is the best that has been met in the property.

Appended are the weekly reviews of some of the more important properties of the camp.

CENTRE STAR.—The recent development of the property has been accompanied by splendid results, and the property was never in such fine condition as at present. In the main tunnel level, at the west end of the property, a tremendous deposit of high grade ore has been met, but the real extent of it has not yet been determined, for it is difficult to discover whether the workings are crosscutting the chute or drifting upon it. An upraise has been started in the ore, and much of it is being knocked down. One blast Friday broke down 300 tons of first class rock, and up to last night four muckers had not succeeded in clearing it away. At the point where the raise is under way the ledge has been opened in solid mineral for 15 feet, but neither wall is in sight. At another point in the main tunnel level a machine is at work in a big deposit of silicious ore, carrying values even higher than the solid pyrrhotite already referred to. The shipments from the property took a sudden jump last week, for 17 cars of ore were sent to the smelter, equivalent to 272 tons.

LE ROI.—The property has been undergoing active permanent development during the past week, and everything is being placed in the best possible shape for the resumption of active mining, which will be recommenced about the latter part of next week, when it is expected that the old force of 240 men will again be put at work, and shipments resumed to the Northport smelter at the rate of 200 tons per day. The compressor has been shut down for the past 48 hours, to permit of the repairing of the pipe line, and during that period no work has been carried on underground except the construction of the skidway 700-foot level, and the overhauling of the skip about that point. It is expected that this task will be completed in about a week, but there is some little work in the way of timbering and station-cutting yet to be done, so that it is not anticipated that stoping will be resumed within ten days.

SUNSET NO. 2.—In the east drift of the 300-foot level the development has been unusually satisfactory, for on the foot wall a body of ore varying in width from one to three feet has been opened for a length in 46 feet, while the rest of the drift is well mineralized. The ore in the foot wall has been giving assays of shipping values and better. The intention of the manager, J. C. Drewry, is to resume sinking in the shaft immediately and carry the workings down to the 350-foot level where a drift to the west will be started to open up the ore body just struck. Mr. Drewry is much pleased with the showing, which he pronounces the finest ever disclosed in the property. Shipments will be commenced to the smelter to-morrow on the ore that has been accumulating on the dump and a lot of about 15 tons will be sent for a starter.

ABE LINCOLN.—In the Abe Lincoln, where work was recently resumed, the shaft is now down 120 feet, and two shifts of men are at work. A particularly fine body of ore was met during the past week, and the showing is as good as it has ever been in the property. The ore body proper is about 18 inches wide, but there is also an equal amount of mineralized ledge matter. The ore is a fine smooth-grained pyrrhotite carrying some copper in a silicious gangue. Assays of $18 and $28 have been received, while, as to copper, tests have yielded returns of five and eight per cent. Some very handsome samples of the ore are on view in the window of THE MINER.

WAR EAGLE.—Work is being carried on with the utmost rapidity, and in order to utilize the present supply of power to the utmost the machines are being operated continuously by three eight-hour shifts. It is the only property in the camp at present being operated exclusively underground on the eight-hour system. This applies only to machine men, for the muckers are still employed in 10-hour shifts. There has been no unusual change in the showing at the War Eagle during the past week. Good ore continues to be met at all points where it is looked for.

THE MONTE CHRISTO.—In the drift from the 200-foot level in the Monte Christo a large body of ore has been encountered. It is from 10 to 11 feet in width and will average $25 per ton. It will be an easy matter to increase the shipments from this body as there is so much of it that it can be stoped without much trouble. This is regarded by the management as the main ore chute. Shipments will be increased as soon as the necessary conveniences for stoping are completed.

GOOD HOPE.—On the Good Hope the prospecting on what is known to be the main vein of the property is making an excellent progress and is being attended with good results. In one or two places a vein about three feet wide has been encountered of quartz carrying iron and traces of copper. Experts think when this is developed to a greater depth that it will widen out to a pay chute of shipping ore.

THE MASCOT.—The new shaft, which is now down 20 feet, has disclosed a two-foot body of excellent copper ore, carrying no little copper glance. It is very promising rock. In the old shaft work has been suspended as the water was getting very bothersome. A crosscut will be commenced this week in the tunnel, where some stringers are met.

IRON MASK.—The raise continues to expose very satisfactory ore, and it is from this point that most of the rock shipped comes. The east drift from the bottom of the winze is holding its own and some ore is being smelted from this point. The shipments last week amounted to 80 tons.

JOSIE AND NO. 1.—Three drills are at work in the lower levels of the Josie, which is the largest force that has been employed on the property for the past year. At the No. 1 good progress is made in the vertical shaft, while the tunnel is being pushed ahead.

WHITE BEAR.—The shaft has been freed from water, and mucking commenced last night. A machine will probably be put to work in the shaft this evening.

DEER PARK.—The shaft is now down 240 feet, and is all in quartz carrying very satisfactory values. Drifting has been suspended at the 160-foot level. A sample shipment of six tons was made last week to the Trail smelter.

GIANT.—A contract was let during the week for 100 feet of shaft work. The work has been started. A road is to be constructed to the mine and the ore now on the dump is to be shipped to the smelter at Trail.

VIRGINIA.—The drift from the 300-foot level in the Virginia is now in a distance of 135 feet, and stringers of ore are being encountered which indicates the presence at no great distance of an ore body.

BIG FOUR.—Some exploration and development work was done on the Big Four during the week, and assays of the ore show that it is of a high grade.

GREAT WESTERN AND NICKEL PLATE.—In both properties the regular development is proceeding steadily, but no change is announced.

VELVET.—The drift at the 100-foot level is showing well, and a new drift to the north has been started at the 160-foot level.

GERTRUDE AND COXEY.—The shaft on the Gertrude continues to expose good ore, while in the Coxey the long crosscut tunnel is continued.

THE SOUTHERN BELLE.—In the face of the tunnel about a foot of ore has been met carrying some copper glance.

COLUMBIA-KOOTENAY.—The new No. 5 tunnel is getting well under ground.

JUMBO.—Work continues in the lower level.

EVENING STAR.—Eighteen inches of fair ore is met in the lower tunnel.

GOOD FRIDAY.—Operations in the tunnels continue.

SANTA ROSA.—Much copper ore is met in the tunnel.

Big Strike on the Victory-Triumph.

A bonanza has been struck on the Triumph's east vein that promises to discount anything yet found on Sophie mountain. In following up the vein on its southerly strike upon the surface, the croppings have been uncovered at a point where the ledge is not less than 10 feet wide. The vein matter is soft de composed iron and quartz, and a general sample taken across seven feet showed pay values in gold. This bonanza deposit is covered with about two feet and a half of wash. Some further crosscutting and surface prospecting is being done to define its extent and a shaft will be started upon it immediately.

Returns From Giant Ore.

Samples of ore from the dump of the Giant sent to the Trail smelter revealed that it goes $35 to the ton and the result has been so satisfactory that it has been determined to send the 300 tons on hand on the dumps to the smelter at once. The copper ore on the surface in which a shaft is to be sunk on the vein, which is 24 feet wide, has been assayed and found to run $10 to the ton. The impression is that this will increase in value as depth is attained.

To Republic in a Day.

C. C. Woodhouse has returned from a visit to Republic, Spokane and Nelson. He reports that one can now get through from Spokane to Republic in a day. The train reaches Myers Falls at 12 o'clock noon, and by taking a horse there and following a trail through the mountains one can reach Republic at 9.30 p. m. Republic lies some 40 miles from Myers Falls. A day's time is consumed by the way of Grand Forks. Mr. Woodhouse leaves this morning for Republic for an extended visit.

MINES AND MINING

John Dean Gives His Impressions of the Ymir Section.

SOME PLANTS GOING IN

There Is a Great Deal of Development Work in Progress—Outlook That the Vicinity Will Soon Be a Large Producer of Bullion.

John Dean, real estate and mining broker, is in the city from Ymir. Although Mr. Dean maintains an office in this city he spends most of his time in Ymir, where he runs a branch office. In speaking about the section around Ymir yesterday he said: "I believe that Ymir will be one of the largest towns between here and Nelson, and with the great development that is in progress there seems to be no doubt that it will be a place of considerable importance. At present there are in and around that camp 500 to 700 men. In all directions around Ymir work is being pushed on promising properties. Several of the companies operating in the camp are getting in machinery. In my opinion the Ymir is the best mine that has so far been developed in the camp. It has been scientifically opened and it has some 3,000 feet of workings. It has a five-drill compressor in position and the company has purchased a 40-stamp mill which is now on its way to the mine. It will take a large quantity of ore to operate a 40-stamp mill and from this you can understand that the Ymir mine must have some ore in its stopes to justify the erection of so extensive a plant as a 40-stamp mill. On the Tamarac, which is being operated by the Kenneth company, a hoisting plant is being installed and the intention is to put in a stamp mill. The Porto Rico is looking in first-class shape and a 10-stamp mill has been purchased by the company operating this property, and it will soon be installed. A tramway and a concentrator is being put in on the Dundee, and I think that it is a good property. On the Bly and Randall claims eight men are working on each and the showing is excellent on both. The Walters company is preparing to commence operation on the Black Cock, which I regard as a most promising property. The Flossie R. and the Bullion are looking well as good progress is being made on both with good forces of men. On Porcupine creek the Jubilee, Iona fraction, Shields, Big Pat and Gold Queen are making showings and promise to turn out well. On the Elise the tunnel is being driven at a good rate of speed and it looks as though it would not be long before the vein will be struck. On the Pathfinder and Dumas there are good showings. I could mention many others but what I have told you will suffice to show the public that the section around Ymir is a most lively one and that the output of ore from the mines around there before long will be considerable," concluded Mr. Deane.

BANK OF MONTREAL.

Contract Let Yesterday For the Construction of the Building.

The bids for the construction of the building for the Bank of Montreal, on the corner of Washington street and Columbia Ave., were opened Monday and the contrast was awarded to Sol Cameron. The structure will be a handsome and substantial one. It will be constructed of stone and pressed brick. There will be three stories and a basement, and the ground dimensions will be 116 x 30 feet. The ceiling of the basement will rise several feet above the sidewalk. The basement will be reached by a broad stairway and will be divided off into offices and a space for the heating apparatus. The next floor will be several feet above the sidewalk and will be reached by a broad flight of six or seven steps. This floor will be devoted to the bank. There will be fancy subdivisions between the several departments of the bank, and the interior decorations will be of a handsome but solid character, and it will be in every way an ideal room for the transaction of a banking business. The second floor will be divided off into offices for mining companies, attorneys, etc. There will be vaults for the tenants wherein valuable papers may be safely kept. The upper floor will contain the living apartments for J.S.C. Fraser and his staff of assistants. The exterior of the building will be of plain but substantial character. The structure will be heated throughout by a furnace located in the basement and will be lighted with electricity. It will be as near fire proof as it is possible for a structure to be and on this account its offices will be in demand by that class of tenants who particularly desire protection from fire. It is understood that some of the offices have already been contracted for. As the building will stand on one of the best corners in the city it will be the most imposing business block in the city. The price at which the contract has been let has been withheld, but it is certain that it will be the most expensive structure in the city.

Mr. Mowat Here.

Arthur Mowat of Toronto, son of Sir Oliver Mowat, has been visiting the city for two or three days and left Tuesday morning for Grand Forks and Greenwood. Mr. Mowat intends to stay for some months at least in the Boundary country. He expressed himself as pleasurably surprised at the size and metropolitan appearance of Rossland and at the number of old friends from Toronto and Manitoba that he found domiciled here. Toronto's confidence in Rossland camp had been rather rudely shaken 12 and 15 months ago but was now being rapidly restored, and in this regard the War Eagle had played an important part.

MINING NOTES.

Benn & Co. report a large purchase of War Eagle shares for their eastern customers.

The contract for furnishing the big 40-stamp mill for the Ymir company, near Ymir, it is announced from an authoritative source, will be let in a few days.

Ernest Voight, who had a bond on the Good Friday, on the west slope of Red mountain, and was carrying on development with a force of 35 men, has suspended work until he can get a renewal of the bond.

Alfred Woodhouse of the Recordia syndicate, returned Monday from London after an absence of eight months, and will leave this morning for the Boundary country. Mr. Woodhouse reports that London is rather dull at the present for mining ventures.

T. R. Morrow has returned from the Boundary country and reports that times in Greenwood and Grand Forks are lively. The people there now feel, as work has been commenced on the extension of the Columbia & Western railway, that they will soon have both transportation and smelter facilities and have recommenced work on their mining properties with considerable heart. The result is a general revival of business.

In the window of THE MINER office are some samples of ore from the Evening mineral claim. This property is located on Nigger mountain a mile west of Big Sheep creek and close to the Dewdney trail. The ore is a fine-grained quartz, carrying gold, copper and lead. It is said by those who have visited it to be one of the most promising properties in that section.

Some pretty ore carrying gold, silver, copper and lead is on exhibition in the store of J. E. Saucier in the Allan house. It came from one of the claims of the Anaconda Consolidated Gold Mining company on Sophie mountain. There is a nine-foot vein and the ore was taken from a depth of 30 feet. A force of several men is working on the property and the intention is to crowd the development work with all possible speed.

J. A. Kirk, P. L. S., and a force of surveyors, left yesterday for the properties of the Salmo Consolidated. The object of his journey is to survey the workings of the properties and to define their metes and bounds. In the bottom of the 100-foot level there is five feet of fine ore, which will concentrate three into one, so that the concentrates will yield a profit of $30 per ton after paying all the fixed charges.

The section of country around Grizzly and Hamill creeks is rapidly coming to the front as a promising silver-lead mining section. The McDonald group of claims, which has been developed by a tunnel that has been driven a distance of 300 feet, shows an immense body of silver-lead ore. The property has been bonded by E. V. McCune and its phenomenal showing has created considerable excitement throughout the district.

FROM THE GAZETTE.

John Kirkup Appointed Gold Commissioner and Other Notes.

The issue of the British Columbia Gazette of June 30 contains the following announcements:

The lieutenant-governor has appointed James Hill Dawson, Jr., of the city of Victoria, Esq., barrister-at-law, to be a notary public within and for the province of British Columbia.

Alexander Sproat of New Denver, Esq., a stipendary magistrate within and for the county of Kootenay, and a deputy registrar of the county court of Kootenay, holden at New Denver.

John Kirkup of this city, Esq., to be gold commissioner and a stipendary magistrate within and for the county of Kootenay.

John McRae, R. Smailes and W. P. Paton have made application for timber licenses.

The following extra-provincial companies have been registered: The Athabasca Gold Mine, limited, with a capital stock of £200,000, divided into 200,000 shares of £1 each. The head office is situated in London, the provincial office in Nelson, and Edward Nelson Fell, mining engineer, is the attorney. The objects for which the company is registered are to carry on a general mining busines, and to enter into, execute and carry into effect, either with or without modification, an agreement dated the 23rd day of March, A. D. 1898, and expressed to be made between Arthur Emerson Rand, as trustee for the Athabasca Gold Mining company, limited liability, of the one part, and the British Columbia & New Find Goldfields Corporation, limited, of the other part, being an agreement for the purchase of all the mining rights, concessions, undertaking, business and goodwill of the Athabasca Gold Mining company, limited liability, and also to acquire other grants, concessions, leases, claims, licenses, or authorities of and over mines, mining rights, lands, mineral properties, water and other rights, in Canada or elsewhere.

New Vancouver Coal & Land company, limited, with a capital of £185,000, divided into 185,000 shares of £1 each. The head offices of the company is in England, and the office in the province at Nanaimo. The objects for which the company is formed are to carry on a general coal mining business, and to acquire and take over as a going concern the undertaking of "The Vancouver Coal Mining and Land company, limited," incorporated in 1862, and all or any of the assests and liabilities of that company on such terms as may be arranged, and with a view thereto to acquire any shares in the capital and securites of and claims against such company, and to adopt and carry into effect, with or without modification, the agreements referred to in clause 3 of the company's articles of association.

J. D. Kendall has been appointed attorney for the Scotish-Colonial Gold Fields, limited.

W. P. Harvey has been appointed as attorney for the Crawford Creek Mining company.

The Ymir Water company has applied for a certificate, under section 55 of the Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897.

FROM OTHER CAMPS

The Royal Banner in Boundary Bonded for $30,000.

A STRIKE OF FREE GOLD

It Has Been Made in the Twins Property on the North Fork of the Kettle River—Operations Have Been Resumed on the Great Payne Mine.

The news from the several mining divisions this week show that the miners are in the full swing of the summer activity and that as a result the output of metal will be larger than ever before. There is considerable bonding and buying, which indicates that the prospector is sharing in the general prosperity. Appended is the summary of news from the several divisions:

THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

The bond on the Golconda group has been thrown up, Lord Sidley's company having decided to withdraw from all mining ventures in British Columbia.

A rich strike has been made on the Alma claim, lying south of the Eureka in Camp McKinney. The Alma is owned by W. Edwards.

D. A. Holbrook, the managing director of the B. C. M. & M. company, has returned to Greenwood and will remain in the district. Arrangements have been completed with the London & Canadian syndicate and contracts on the company's properties will be let in a few days. Hector McRae of the London & Canadian syndicate was also in Greenwood for a short time recently. He is expected to return in a few days. During Thomas McDonnell's visit to Spokane he made satisfactory arrangements with the syndicate with reference to his property at Eholt creek.

The tunnel on the Paris group, White's camp, is in 200 feet and will have to be run 600 feet before the ledge is tapped at a depth of 275 feet. Water is being utilized, but it is likely an air compressor plant will be put in.

At Old Ironsides 25 men are employed. The completion of the 18-drill plant has been delayed by the bad roads.

Work is steadily being pushed ahead on the Royal Banner in Summit camp, which Joe Young, A. L. Rogers and John Ashfield have under bond to an English syndicate for $30,000. The shaft is now down to a depth of about 60 feet and is opening up a fine body of quartz and diorite thickly sprinkled with iron and copper pyrites and peacock copper.

Messrs. Lawson and Rogers of Spokane, who are the chief owners of the Golden Eagle property near Grand Forks, have made arrangements to start a 200-foot tunnel on this claim. Already a force of miners are on the claim and work will be continuously prosecuted until it is finished.

Arrangements have been completed to expend $80,000 on the Oro Dinero property, in Summit camp, this summer. The Oro Dinero is owned by John M. Burke and others, and is one of Summit camp's drawing cards.

The mining case over the well known Minnie claim, between Dr. Averill and Dave Evans, was settled out of court at Nelson, B. C., a few days ago. It is learned that they made an equal division of the Minnie and called the litigation off.

A wonderful strike of free gold rock has been made upon the Iron Chief property on the west slope of Hardy mountain, in Wellington camp. The property is owned by Mr. Simpson and his partner, Mr. Lareva, and specimens of the rock which Mr. Simpson has been showing were fine pieces of rosebud quartz fairly studded with flakes and specks of native gold. No glass was required to see the precious metal, as most of the pieces were larger than the head of a pin and even the most inexperienced could see that the specimens shown would assay many thousands of dollars per ton. There is a huge iron cap lead running through the property which has been receiving all the attention until the other day John Nelson, who has been doing assessment work for an interest began to prospect for something better, with the result that he opened up a four-foot lead of the wonderfully rich ore brought to town.

A big strike was made recently on the well-known Twins property, about 12 miles up the north fork of the Kettle river, not far from Brown's creek, and if present indications count for aught, this will be one of the big mines of the district with the coming of transportation. For some time past the Shannon brothers have been engaged on the property, doing for the owners the necessary work for the obtaining of a crown grant. They began operations on a shaft, and when down only about five feet ran into a fine body of mineral which has steadily improved with depth until now they have in sight six or eight feet of solid ore which will undoubtedly carry shipping values. The ore is a bluish-white quartz, so thoroughly impregnated with iron and copper pyrites and arsenical iron as to make it almost solid mineral. No assays have been made public, but it will run very high in copper without a doubt as assays of from eight to 20 per cent copper were frequently obtained from the surface rock on the property. Ross Thompson of Rossland, and L. A. Manly and "Bill" Austin, of Grand Forks are the lucky owners of the claim.

NELSON DIVISION.

Captain Forrester and Jim Graham recently sold a one-third interest in the Prince of Wales claim for $300 cash. This property is situated on Tennessee mountain, about one mile from Ymir.

Jack Curtin has about completed his contract of driving a 100-foot tunnel on the Jubilee. Mr. Curtin reports that the Jubilee is showing up well.

Andy Burgess and John T. Price have made a good strike on the Iona on Porcupine creek. They are sinking a shaft on this property and are now down some 15 feet, and have encountered a fine body of ore.

The London & British Columbia Gold Fields are having the bridge over the Salmon river repaired preparatory to transporting the heavy machinery to the Ymir mine. It is stated that one piece this machinery will weigh upwards of four tons.

James McNamara, of Rossland, has been in the vicinity of Ymir for the past few days looking over his claims, which are situated on Wild Horse creek, and close to the Anaconda group. He will have considerable development work done on this property during the summer and fall.

Archie McDougall and Jack Dewar are at work on the Ymir Bell, on Wild Horse creek. On the surface the ledge was only 14 inches wide, but at the depth of eight feet it has widened out to three feet. The samples brought in shows considerable copper and the owners are satisfied that they will have one of the best claims on Wild Horse creek, as soon as more work is done.

Captain W. C. Forrester and Walter Askew have sold a one-half interest in the Gold Ireland mineral claim to Mr. Arnold, of Ceylon. The consideration was spot cash and the amount is said to be considerable. This property is situated close to the Dundee mine and was purchased by Captain Forrester last summer from Malcolm McDonald. Only one assessment work has been done on the Gold Ireland, but Captain Forrester the Ymir Miner that at least $1,000 worth of development work will be done on the property at an early date.

EAST KOOTENAY.

The Sunday mine, Ottertail, has a carload of ore ready to ship. Water has interfered with working the mine and a pump is to be put in.

The Bimetallist, on Toby creek near Windermere, is said to have a ledge of grey copper and galena 300 feet wide.

The vein on the Boston, ene of the Bennison group, has widened from 12 feet to 40 feet.

Work has been started on the claims on Bugaboo creek, which were bonded last fall by Dr. Langis to an English syndicate.

There has been quite an influx of prospectors into the country around Windermere.

Development work has started on the Matterhorn group on Toby creek.

H. P. Shaw of Vancouver has bought a half interest in the Belmont and Copper King claims on No. 2 creek.

F. M. Chadbourn is in East Kootenay looking at the Matterhorn group of mines in the Windermere district, upon which he secured a bond for an English syndicate last fall. He expects to put a force of men to work on the property before his return.

With the object of taking over the Golden British Columbia, limited, which operates in East Kootenay, the New Golden British Columbia, limited, was registered in London on the 27th ult., with a capital of £12,000 in £1 shares. This is the company of which Mr. Mitchell-Innes is the manager and which holds some of the most valuable mining properties in East Kootenay.

AINSWORTH DIVISION.

J. M. Fairbairn was in Kaslo recently from Cody creek, where he has been surveying some claims. He reports considerable activity in that vicinity.

One outfit has been particularly successful in sluicing Galena about 1,500 feet above Cody. Considerable ore has been taken out and sacked awaiting shipment. S. J. Henderson, who is running a tunnel to tap the ore on the Oro showing came down Wednesday evening. The tunnel is being run in on the ledge direct, and several stringers of high grade ore have been encountered. As depth is attained these have grown stronger and he is confident the ore body will soon be encountered.

Considerable development work is being done around Crawford Creek as far as the divide men are at where work on their assessments or carrying on actual development. A number of the claims are showing up well, especially is this true of those on Hooker and Canyon creeks. On La France creek considerable activity is also manifest and a good trail has been constructed from the lake to the head of the creek. The government has appropriated $250 towards its construction. It is expected that shipments of ore will begin shortly that will come close to the Slocan ores in silver lead values, not to speak of the copper and gold that the ores of this section are known to carry. Several well informed mining men who have visited this section recently, predict a bright future for La France creek.

SLOCAN DIVISION.

Scott McDonald, manager of the Payne, was in Kaslo recently. Operations have been resumed at the big mine and from now on the tramway will be taxed to its full capacity to handle the output. Shipments were resumed yesterday, three cars being sent down. Mr. McDonald says this will be the daily shipments hereafter for some time to come.

John P. Aitheson started a few days since with a force of men to do development work on the Anaconda, 77 and Black Cloud claims, which are situated on the north fork of Lemon creek and owned by a Winnipeg company. He will also do some work on the Last Hope, adjoining the above claims and owned by F. S. Andrews.

The Mining Congress.

The second session of the International Mining congress to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, July 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th gives promise of being attended by more than 1,000 delegates and of possessing great interest to the mining industry. The purpose and policy of the congress has been referred to and is commendably progressive. The time between today and the opening of the congress is short, but it is ample for some local body to meet and select delegates from this section to this body. It would be a chance not only to advertise our mines, and this section, but it would also add to our stock of mining information. Two or three observing delegates could, if they kept their eyes open, bring back some new ideas on mining that would doubtless prove both interesting and valuable. Some action should be taken immediately.