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MORE TONS AND SHIPPERS

Rossland's Output Goes up Substantially For Last Week.

Another Shipping Mine—Review of Week at Mines.

With another shipping mine added to the list and the tonnage of the camp substantially increased, the past week's record in the Rossland camp is gratifying. The present week sees still another mine start shipping and developments of an interesting nature in connection with the industry generally.

Rossland's prospect for marked prosperity was never brighter than at the present moment.

Last week saw the I. X. L. mine get out its first installment of ore to the Northport smelter, 900 sacks of half a ton each being loaded at the O. K. siding for transmission to the Le Roi reduction works. The increased shipments were due in some measure to increased production from the Le Roi, where shipping is expedited by the fact that the smelter is deeply significant from Rossland's standpoint, as has already been pointed out in The Miner.

The present week will see further important developments, all constituting factors in the chain of circumstances that makes the Golden City's outlook promising. The Jumbo has completed arrangements for shipping, and teaming is to be started at once. Then the completion of the buildings and plant at the Spitzee means the commencement of underground operations with a substantial force of men.

In the comparatively near future is the prospect of large increases in the crews of several local mines, notably the Le Roi, as the result of the operation of the smelter to the full capacity of its six furnaces.

THE OUTPUT.

Shipments from the Rossland camp for the week ending June 27th and for the year to date are as follows:

	Week.	Year.
Le Roi	4530	90,434
Centre Star	1560	40,918
War Eagle	1117	28,455
Kootenay	240	2,400
Le Roi No. 2	500	13,692
White Bear	100	3,026
Giant	90	450
I. X. L.	40	40
White Bear	297	297
O. K.	35	35
Homestake	90	90
Totals	8310	179,837

AMONG THE MINES.

SPITZEE.—The present week will see the advent of a new era in the history of the Spitzee mine—the resumption of underground operations with adequate machinery and other facilities for continuous operation at low cost. It is the intention of the company to run two machines two shifts on the first level and to sink to the 200 level by contract. In the 100 level the main workings have to be extended only about 25 feet to undercut a strong showing, from which the company expects to stope considerable ore.

LE ROI.—The Le Roi's record for the week has not presented any features of interest. Announcements as to recent work in the lower levels are awaited with keen interest, and it is generally expected that important facts will be divulged in relation thereto. It will be noted that the shipments have increased somewhat as the result of the improvement in conditions at the smelter, and a gradual increase in the production is now looked for.

LE ROI TWO.—At the Joste and No. 1 mines, the week's work has been along the usual lines. Stopping is under way down to the 500 level. On the 700 development is being pushed ahead rapidly, and on the 300 exploration with the diamond drill is under way. In the No. 1 stopping is being continued with good results. The dumps at both mines are being increased weekly, and a large reserve of ore is already in the mill. The construction of the concentrator is proceeding apace, and good progress was reported for the week, with the exception of the interruptions due to bad weather.

KOOTENAY.—This week sees the Kootenay mine commence shipping to the Northport smelter. The first shipments are seriously handicapped through lack of coke, and the Kootenay might even have had to close down for sixty days had it not been for the Northport work's success in securing fuel. Instead of closing down the mine will ship to the Le Roi smelter for not less than sixty days, the contract taking effect July 1st. Ore is being stoped between the second and fourth levels.

NICKEL PLATE.—The unwatering of the mine is making steady progress. The balling tanks are now at the 200 level, where extensive horizontal workings make progress somewhat tardy. From the 200 to the 800 the unwatering will proceed rapidly, and then another considerable stretch of workings will be encountered. Another week will see the work well advanced.

GREAT WESTERN.—The surface

work at the Great Western has been carried ahead steadily on a small scale. The management has decided that extensive operations will be deferred until the coke situation improves to the extent where the smelters are actively in the market for ore instead of being indifferent to shipments.

CENTRE STAR.—The usual stoping, development and exploration have been carried ahead without special incident so far as has been divulged.

WAR EAGLE.—No alteration of the usual line of operations is reported from the mine. Shipments are good for the week closed.

WHITE BEAR.—In the underground workings preparations are being made for the continuation of the shaft to the 1000 level. Drifting on the 850 is also going ahead steadily. Excavating for the new hoist and headworks is being carried on actively.

JUMBO.—The commencement of shipping operations this week marks a new era in the history of the mine. The management is confident as to the future of the property, and looks forward to an active and prosperous summer.

I. X. L.—The first shipment of ore from the mine having been made, the lessees are now engaged in attacking the stopes for another consignment. It is believed that the forty tons already forwarded to Northport will run in the neighborhood of \$30 per ton.

O. K.—Superintendent Worsen is proceeding steadily with the work on the property, and is now exploring the lower levels.

VELVET.—The report from the mine for the past week is that the showing on the second and third levels still holds strong. Ore is being forwarded to Northport as rapidly as teams can be secured to haul.

GIANT.—The past week saw mining operations actively prosecuted, and shipments forwarded on a good scale. It is the intention of the management to maintain the work on as large a scale as possible with the restrictions in respect to the shipping due to the coke shortage.

BOUNDARY SHIPMENTS.

The Granby smelter this week treated 5849 tons, making a total of 150,456 tons for the year.

	Week.	Total.
Granby	5156	157,808
Mother Lode	1774	47,038
Snowshoe	2190	23,910
B. C.	1290	15,415
Emma	190	9,200
Sunset	512	5,437
Providence	591	591
Totals	11,072	259,205

LE ROI TWO PLEAS

ITS DIRECTORS AND SHAREHOLDERS—SO SAYS ONE OF THE DIRECTORS NOW HERE.

LOOKS FOR IMPORTANT ADVANTAGES FROM APPLICATION OF CONCENTRATION.

"As to local conditions I will not of course be able to speak for some days, having only arrived in the city after an absence of almost two years. Conditions in London with respect to the British Columbia section of the share market have undergone but little change of late. Stagnation will apply to the situation aptly. What is required is something to again attract attention to B. C. mining securities, and I believe this desideratum will be forthcoming ere long. Perhaps we may be able to accomplish it in connection with our own properties, at least we hope so."

This emanates from A. B. Dealtry, of London, director of the Le Roi Two company, who is the guest of Paul S. Coulter, manager of the company, for a fortnight. Mr. Dealtry was in Rossland in the fall of 1901, and is here again somewhat in the capacity of a committee of the directors. As he puts it, it is much easier for the directors to grasp promptly and thoroughly the context of correspondence after one of their number has been on the ground and by personal observation secured the information in detail.

"I may say, however, that the directors and shareholders of the Le Roi Two are well satisfied with the outlook for their properties in the Rossland camp. The difficulty we encountered with the Annie vein last year was somewhat of a disappointment naturally, but we are looking forward with confidence to the immediate future. Especially do we look for substantial advantages to accrue to us through the establishment of the milling plant on which work is under way. Of course, we are satisfied that the process could be applied successfully to our ores before we undertook to start work on the plant. That goes without saying; but there are always points to be worked out and we shall not be certain of the results until they are in concrete form after the mill is in operation.

"On the stock exchange there is always a 'fad' in mining securities. Once it was West Africa, South Africa, Egyptians, etc. Once something transpires to attract attention again to this country it will be British Columbia, and the capital for the development of mining propositions will be forthcoming liberally."

STRIKE IN PAPER MILL.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., June 30.—The plant of the International Paper company has been closed by a general strike. The men want a three shift trick and 25 cents an hour. The plant makes 120 tons of news paper a day.

General News Of the Kootenay

THE SLOCAN.

The zinc plant being built at the Payne is expected to be ready for operation about July 15.

The owners of the Hamilton have completed a pack trail from Twelve-Mile landing to the property.

Bert Crane, a well known Slocanite of the early days is reported to have been killed at Nome, Alaska.

Hermann Clever expects to have his new business block at New Denver ready for occupancy about the middle of August.

The Brett brothers, old timers in the Slocan, recently sold a gold property situated on Anderson lake, Lillooet district, realizing a small fortune out of it.

E. Coy of Rossland is doing assessment work on the Armstrong on Woodberry creek. The property is a silver-lead proposition, of which Mr. Armstrong is the owner.

THE BOUNDARY.

It is reported that an effort is being made to transfer Rev. W. A. Robins, M. A., of the English church of Greenwood, to Rossland, as successor to Rev. Hedley. His parishioners at Greenwood are petitioning against the removal.

The locomotive and cars for dumping slag, ordered a couple of months ago for the B. C. Copper company's smelter at Greenwood, will likely arrive next month. After the necessary tracks shall have been laid the slag will be dumped whilst molten, instead of being granulated as at present.

W. L. Germaine, who has been a resident of Phoenix for nearly four years, and has been in charge of the office work of the Hunter-Kendrick company for that time, has accepted a position as general manager of the Russell-Law-Caulfield company of Greenwood, and will enter upon his new duties about the middle of the month.

The Elkhorn, near the Providence, is shipping a couple of cars of ore. Shipments of ore from the Humming Bird, on the Nootka, are shortly to be resumed to the Granby smelter.

W. T. Smith and J. D. Sward have been men at work on the Bell, near Beavertail, on the West Fork, which claim they have under bond.

An important strike of free gold was made on the E. Flurius Unum last week, and last week a car of ore was shipped to the Trail smelter.

Mark F. Madden of Chicago, president of the Providence Mining company, has returned to Chicago, after securing an interest in the Gold Finch, another high grade property.

W. S. Keith has taken a lease and bond on the Ruby claim at Boundary Falls, from which small shipments were made two years ago. Some \$10,000 has already been spent on the property.

Last week the 15-horse power electric hoist was used at the Snowshoe mine for the first time, and worked smoothly. This is the second mine in the Boundary to which Cascade power is being furnished.

John A. Manly of Grand Forks returned last week from an extended business trip to Chicago and other eastern points. Mr. Manly has made an important announcement that he has completed all arrangements for erecting a smelter near Grand Forks. The details of the prospective enterprise, which has the backing of ample capital, will be forthcoming shortly.

A meeting for the purpose of organizing a lawn tennis club was held in the office of the Grand Forks Investment & Trust company recently. The officers of the club consist of a president, secretary, treasurer and executive committee of three members. S. A. Almond was elected president, G. T. Campbell, secretary-treasurer; executive, Messrs. Burrell, Frupp and Campbell. The regulation of the club was left in the hands of the executive. The two courts are in good order and a good season's tennis is anticipated.

THE LARDEAU AND REVEL-STOKE.

E. M. Klinegar, of Rossland, who is interested in the Lost Cup group, has let a contract to drive a new tunnel below the former workings on the property. The Ferguson sawmill has several large orders booked for lumber. The mill is now being run by water power, and much better satisfaction is had than by steam.

A dispatch states that two or three weeks must elapse yet before the C. P. R. could hope to re-open the Lardo branch railway. One bridge is washed out twelve miles from Gerrard and another is badly shaken, but the water is yet too high to permit of piles being driven. When the water subsides reconstruction will begin.

Hugh Brown reports a strike on the American of 18 inches of clean shipping ore. This property is owned by the Mountain Lion Mining company. There is said to be a great scarcity of mine labor at Trout Lake and Ferguson, where 40 to 50 good men could readily find employment.

Work has been resumed on the Triune. A Vancouver company is starting work on the Nettie L. hill. One hundred men are now actively employed in the mines and stamp mills at Camborne.

Three deals of importance are on in the Fish creek country, and all look as if they were coming off. It is stated that the Nettie L. has now a body of concentrating ore developed showing a width of 50 feet.

Walter Campbell has a promising gold location on the hill above Beaton. If rich enough to mine it will be a remarkably convenient property to operate.

V. Enoch is doing development work for Cory Menhick on the Bullie, one of the handiest properties at Camborne. The lead is large and has given values of \$14.50 in gold.

The whole of the treasury stock of the Beatrice, placed on the market has been taken up, the last lot being under option to capitalists, who will have an examination made of the property and on a favorable report will give it strong backing. Beatrice shares will be marked up to 35 cents.

Messrs. McKay Bros. and Strutt get values of \$11.50 per ton in gold and \$40 in silver on the Jumbo and Mammoth claims, which have been located above the Northwest Development Syndicate's property on Fish creek. The same party located the Jim Hill group, silver-lead property on Lexington mountain and the Sir Wilfred on Pool creek, within a mile and a half of Camborne, and from which property they have had assays in gold running up to \$1500.

Messrs. Jones and Regan have just completed assessment work on the Mabel, owned by J. Cressman of Revelstoke and J. Landine of Camborne.

Gus Sandham and W. Winslow are working the Swamp Angel, a promising Menhick property.

G. Young and J. Kennedy started work last week on their group of claims at the head of Menhick creek.

Cory Menhick has put a force of men at work on the Bullie group, a prospect for free gold producer situated on the right of Pool creek about two miles from Camborne.

The Dominion Express company has opened a branch at Camborne.

Last week W. B. Pool and associates made the first payment on the Old Homestead group of free gold claims which they have taken a working bond on. The group consists of the Old Homestead, Idaho, and Detroit groups comprising in all twelve claims. Specimens of quartz taken from the Homestead by Mr. Pool show visible free gold in liberal quantities.

Frank Gauthier and Fred Mills have been awarded the contract to drive 100 feet on No. 7 tunnel at the Eva mine at Camborne.

A steam launch will probably be built by the sawmill company at Trout Lake for handling their logs on the lake.

The Harbor Lumber company has started the improvement of Fish creek for logging operations, and has a gang at work removing the big jam in the canyon above Beaton.

One hundred and twenty-one licenses for timber on government land were issued during the month of May in the Arrow lake and Columbia river districts of West Kootenay, 66 of them being renewals. These licenses represent a revenue to the government of \$12,100. During the past week 11 licenses were applied for.

J. D. Sibbald, manager of the McCulloch Creek Hydraulic Mining company, at the Big Bend, returned to Revelstoke the other day. He brought with him, as usual, a bag of nuggets from his placer mine, which shows that gold on the creek is not only present in large quantities but is very coarse in character. His force of men is busily at work on the pipe line and he hopes to have it completed by July 8th, at latest, when hydraulic mining will be commenced at once. The gold brought down this trip averages from \$2 to \$5 to the piece and was picked up on bedrock in the course of operations necessary to build the pipe line. It was in no sense the result of actual work on the property but merely an incident of development. When the monitor gets to work regularly Mr. Sibbald believes the output of gold will be large.

YMR DISTRICT.

Erie camp, on the line of the S. F. & N. system, is quietly going ahead with a good deal of development. Besides Finch & Campbell's Second Relief, where 35 men are working mine and mill, the Canadian King, owned by a Spokane company, is being operated under lease by William Connelly and Bert Porter, and is reported as looking well.

At the Arlington mine about 40 men are employed.

The Keystone has the largest body of ore of any mine in the camp. Ten feet of solid ore between the walls is reported. In the last nine months eight carloads of ore have been shipped to the Trail smelter and ten more are in the bins ready for shipment just as soon as the road is in shape.

At Craigtown (Green City) some fine bodies of ore have been located. The Drummond, belonging to Pat Burns, has a fine showing. This is adjoining the Copper Farm property, which is being worked by George Green.

EAST KOOTENAY.

Fort Steele prospectors are surveying promising placer fields in the vicinity of the St. Mary's river.

Report has it that operations are to be resumed on the Tiger-Foorman group of mines, situated on the divide between the North Fork of Wild Horse and Sheep creek.

The annual meeting of the North Star Mining company was held at Montreal last week. A number of Fort Steele mining men have located a large number of coal seams on Forting river, north of block 4588. The coal is said to be of a superior quality. William Myers has resumed work at the Watson mine. This is a silver-

FLUME CONTRACT WAS AWARDED

The Le Roi Two company let the contract yesterday for the flume by which water is to be brought from Little Sheep creek to the company's milling plant now under way near the Josie tramway.

The flume will be about a mile in length, and is to be completed in ample time for water to be flowing freely when the mill is started.

C. Corbett secured the contract, which calls for considerable grading along the right of way.

THE OKANAGAN.

The Lumby creamery is well under way, and there now seems no room for doubt as to its success.

Haying has been started in several parts of the district, and the hum of the mower may now be heard in the land.

Ernest Waterman, manager for the Vermillion Forks Mining and Development company, announces that drilling operations will begin this week on a Princeton townsite and the hole started last fall will be continued down until the big seam cut opposite the pit is reached. After this has been done a second hole will be sunk near the Tulameen river on the opposite side of the town. The company also holds several leases about five miles up the Similkameen, which they intend drilling on later in the season. Arthur Hocking of Rossland and London, managing director of the company, is expected to arrive from England next week.

THE STOCK MARKET.

The market has been quiet during the week, with few changes of any significance. The last day saw a spurt in Waterloo, this Camp McKinley property being favorably reported on. Quotations went up to 7 and 6, with no sales. Centre Star opened with a sale at 22 1/2 and closed with one at 27 1/4. American Boy sold steadily at 4 1/2. Mountain Lion was fairly strong around 22. Payne opened strong and shaded off slightly, the last sale being made at 14. White Bear and Giant attracted little attention, selling but once or twice at the old prices. Cariboo McKinley was also quiet around 11 1/2. Rambler-Cariboo sold at 41 1/2, closing at 42 1/2 asked and 40 bid. War Eagle advanced in the sales from 11 1/2 to 12. North Star appears once in the sales at 11 3/4.

	Asked	Bid
American Boy	4 1/2	4 1/2
Bea Hur	5 1/2	4 1/2
Black Tail	4 1/2	4 1/2
Canadian Gold Fields	4 1/2	3
Cariboo McK (ex-div)	12 1/2	11 3/4
Centre Star	28	25
Fairview	5	4
Fisher Malden	2 1/2	2 1/2
Giant	4 1/2	3 1/2
Granby Consolidated	15 1/2	14 1/2
One Eye	1 1/2	1 1/2
Morning Glory	2	1 1/2
Mountain Lion	22	20
North Star (E. K.)	12	10 1/2
Payne	14 1/2	13
Quimp	32	29
Rambler-Cariboo	42 1/2	40
Republic	3	2
San Polo	5	4
Sullivan	5	4
Tem Thumb	5	4 1/2
War Eagle Con	13	10
Waterloo (Ass. paid)	7	6
White Bear (Ass. paid)	4 1/2	4 1/2

SALES.

Centre Star, 1000, 26 1/2-2c; Mountain Lion, 1500, 22c; Payne, 500, 14 1/2-2c; White Bear, 2000, 41 1/4-2c; Giant, 2000, 33 1/4-2c. Total, 7000.

Payne, 1000, 14c; 1000, 15c; American Boy, 2500, 41 1/2-2c; Cariboo, McKimney, 500, 11 1/2-2c; Rambler-Cariboo, 1000, 41 1/2-2c; War Eagle, 1000, 11 1/4-2c; White Bear, 1000, 41 1/4-2c. Total, 8000.

Mountain Lion, 1000, 22c; Giant, 2000, 33 1/4-2c; Sullivan, 1000, 41 1/2-2c; War Eagle, 1000, 12c; Payne, 2000, 14c. Total, 7000.

War Eagle, 2000, 12 1/2-2c; Mountain Lion, 1000, 21 3/4-2c; Rambler, 1000, 41c; American Boy, 2000, 41 1/2-2c; Payne, 1500, 2000, 14c. Total, 9500.

Mountain Lion, 1000, 21 3/4-2c; Payne, 1000, 14c; American Boy, 2000, 41 1/2-2c; North Star, 1000, 11 3/4-2c. Total, 5000.

American Boy, 1000, 41 1/2-2c; Centre Star, 500, 27 1/4-2c; Mountain Lion, 1500, 21 3/4-2c; Rambler-Cariboo, 500, 41 1/2-2c; White Bear, 1000, 41 1/2-2c. Total, 4500.

DROWNED IN NIKOMEKI.

Two Bathers Lose Their Lives in the Swollen Stream.

VANCOUVER, June 30.—While bathing in the Nikomeki river near Mud Bay, B. C., Walter Combs, aged 19, and Ethel Miller, aged 17, were drowned. Neither could swim and both were swept away by the waters, now unusually swift and deep from spring freshets. The bodies were subsequently recovered.

GOLD HILL STARTS WORK

Another Mine Added to List of Rossland Working Properties.

Property Has Good Showing—Shipped Ore in 1896.

The latest mine to join the working list in the Rossland camp is the Gold Hill property, adjoining the Jumbo. Recently the property was bonded at \$50,000 to John S. Bedier, formerly of Rossland. The agreement included a lease for the year embraced in the bond, and Mr. Bedier will prosecute development actively.

Work will be started in the next day or two. Mr. Bedier is in the city and is completing arrangements to commence operations.

When the Gold Hill was operated several years ago it was regarded as extremely promising, but in the three or four years elapsing since the property closed down it has been more or less lost sight of. The property possesses a ten-foot quartz ledge in a slate formation, with a paystreak varying in width up to three feet. The claim was located in '94 by M. Welsh, who sank about seventy feet on the ledge and extracted twelve tons of ore for a smelter test. The product was packed to Trail and shipped thence to Tacoma. It is understood the shipment ran \$19.50 per ton. Then the property passed into the hands of the Gold Hill Mining company, the present owners. M. Doneen of Spokane and R. T. Daniels, then of Trail, were the principal stockholders, and the company worked the property in the winter of '95-96. A tunnel was driven at a depth of some 180 feet for the purpose of tapping the vein at that depth. When the workings were about fifty feet from the point where the vein should have been intersected, work was suspended. Litigation between the owners tied up the property for two or three years, the case being carried to the highest British Columbia and Washington courts. A year ago a settlement was reached.

Mr. Bedier came to Washington in the fall of 1895 from Idaho and worked in the Gold Hill. Since then he has spent much of his time in Republic camp. He proposes to unwater the shaft and extract some ore, while the tunnel is to be extended to tap the vein. On the start the working force will necessarily be small, but it is probable that increases will be made as circumstances permit.

The initial work is to be got under way this week.

COKE OF THEIR OWN

PRESIDENT MINER SPEAKS OF THE GRANBY COMPANY'S NEW PROJECT.

THE HANDICAP UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS IS INTOLERABLE.

GRAND FORKS, June 27.—S. H. C. Miner, president of the Granby Smelting company, prior to leaving here for Victoria, made an interesting statement.

"I inspected every inch of the new work done at the Granby mines since my last visit, a year ago. I found that the mines as a whole had improved very materially in that period. We have large and extensive plans still in view. Coke continues to be the burning question. We have been handicapped for a year, and averaged a fraction less than two furnaces in operation, while we actually had four available for use."

"This state of affairs," said Mr. Miner with emphasis, "cannot continue. We are making arrangements and shall have coke of our own in the near future. The new equipment for the additional furnaces now being installed, making six in all will be ready for work within a few weeks. Our policy is for constant and moderate expansion all the time, but we must meantime again consider the interests of our shareholders. Notwithstanding the lack of coke thus greatly restricting operations, we have added \$300,000 worth of equipment to the mines at Phoenix and the smelter at Grand Forks, all of which has been paid for out of earnings."

GERMAN CUTTER WON.

KIEL, June 30.—The fourteen-oar cutter of the German ship Kaiser Wilhelm II beat the United States cruiser Chicago's twelve-oar cutter today in a race over a two-mile course, covering the distance in 23 seconds better time. The winning German cutter, on account of having an extra pair of oars, started fifteen seconds after the Chicago's cutter and finished eight seconds ahead. The Kaiser Wilhelm II's cutter is the champion of the German squadron.