

# ROSSLAND WEEKLY MINER.

Two Dollars a Year.

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## NEWS OF THE MINES

### The Compressor of the St. Elmo is Ready to Start.

### Simply Waiting for Power

This will be installed in a day or two—Work resumed on the letter on Sophie Mountain—Swansea Sacking Ore Preparatory to Shipping.

Mr. W. T. Newell of the brokerage firm of the Newell & Otis, is in the city from New York. Mr. Newell was formerly of Bennett, Newell & McDonald of this city. He is here as the representative of Mr. William Duryea, the millionaire starch manufacturer of New York, and associates, who, several months since, purchased the New St. Elmo Mining company. In speaking about the operations of the New St. Elmo property yesterday Mr. Newell said: "The plant for the New St. Elmo, which was ordered about five months ago, is now installed and is ready for operation as soon as the electric power is available. I closed a contract today with the West Kootenay Power and Light company and the poles are now being put up and within a very short time the machinery will be in motion. There is a very good showing of ore in the property, but is of rather a low grade. We have been operating it by hand hitherto and the work has, therefore, been slow. With the five-drill compressor in operation the work will be pushed along faster. We believe that we can make a mine of the New St. Elmo. There is one thing certain, if the ore is in the property it will be found. Mr. Duryea, who visited the property some time since with Mr. D. C. Corbin, has great faith in this camp and understands that it takes a good big sum to develop a mining property here. He also knows that when an ore shoot is found here that it means something. Under the circumstances he and his associates are prepared to spend a large sum on the development of the New St. Elmo and will not falter over the expenditure of \$40,000 or \$50,000, so long as there is a reasonable assurance that in the end there will be returns from their investment. Mr. Duryea intended to come to Rossland with me, but when on the eve of starting he became ill with stomach troubles and had to give up the trip. "Should the St. Elmo prove a success I feel sure that it will lead to the investment of considerable New York capital here as Mr. Duryea and his associates and friends have and represent a great deal of capital.

"I am interested in the Ade Lincoln Mining company, which property is located three-quarters of a mile southwest of Rossland on Deer Park mountain. We closed down the property on the advice of an engineer, and because he informed us that it was not expedient to further operate it without a power plant. The company is to have a meeting tomorrow and it is probable that it will not be resumed before operations will be resumed on this property.

"I am greatly pleased with the progress that Rossland has made since I left here. It has evolved from a collection of shacks into a well-built city, with boulevards, graded streets, electric lights, a good fire department, and other improvements. As rapid as has been its growth I think that it will grow still faster in the next few years. It is a typical bustling western town, full of enterprising citizens and is surrounded by a most valuable mineral belt."

### LORD DUFFERIN'S STATEMENT.

The Immediate Prospects of the B. A. C.'s Holdings in Rossland.

At the general meeting in London of the London & Globe Finance corporation the chairman, the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, in moving a resolution approving of a dividend of 10 per cent made particular mention of the Le Roi and the other British America corporation properties in this camp. His Lordship said as follows:

"I may again call your attention to the small proportion that the expenses of our administration bear to the net profits realized. During the past year we have made several public issues, all of which were fully subscribed. The first of these was the Le Roi mine, which is generally admitted to be one of the great mines of the world. Its former owners devoted themselves principally to extracting ore, and neglected altogether the due development of the property, both as regards timbering, shafting and the introduction of adequate machinery. During the past year development work has been pushed in all directions; the mine has been largely re-timbered, and it has been equipped with the latest machinery and appliances. On the completion of the work now in progress, the output will be very largely augmented, and, what is equally important, we have everywhere a considerable saving in the cost of smelting. Notwithstanding the extensive expenditure which has taken place for the foregoing purposes, the directors of the Le Roi company have been able to commence the payment of dividends, an interesting dividend of 5s. per share, payable on the 7th of next month; and when once the mine is in full working order, we have little doubts that the results produced will fulfil our legitimate expectations.

"We have also had satisfactory reports from the other properties controlled by the British America corporation, particularly in which we also are largely interested. These we have divided into three groups. Two of these groups, we are assured by our engineers, will shortly reach the dividend stage, and the third promises well. The general meeting of the British America corporation will be held before Christmas, and I have no doubt that the directors being able to declare a substantial dividend."

It will be noticed that Lord Dufferin

touches on several matters of great importance to Rossland and the statements coming from such an eminent authority are well worth noting.

Referring to the Le Roi the cheering statements are made that the output will be very largely augmented before long, and that there is every prospect of considerably decreasing the cost of smelting. Referring to the East and West Le Roi and the Columbia-Kootenay Lord Dufferin states: "Two of these groups we are assured by our engineers will shortly reach the dividend stage and the third promises well." The properties referred to as near the dividend stage are the Josie, no. 1 and the Columbia-Kootenay, while the third group spoken of as "promising well" is the East Le Roi, comprising the Nickel Plate and Great Western. No other interpretation is probable.

The general meeting of the B. A. C. is announced to take place before Christmas and in addition to declaring a substantial dividend, important official statements concerning the holdings of the corporation in this camp may be looked for.

### FIRST FROM SUMMIT CAMP.

The Oro Denoro Sends a Carload of Ore to the Smelter.

A message was received in this city yesterday from the Summit camp to the effect that a shipment of a carload of ore was made yesterday from the Oro Denoro. This was consigned to Trail, and more are to follow it from the same mine. This is the first mine to ship in the Summit camp. The first shipment from the Boundary Creek country was made three weeks since from the dumps of the Yankee Boy and Yankee Girl, and consisted of 20 tons. It was loaded on the cars at Grand Forks and was expected to return at least \$100 to the ton. Now that the shipments have started, it is certain that they will keep up and with constantly increasing tonnage. The B. C. has promised to send a train of ore to the smelter, and later on, or as soon as the railroad is completed to the dump, the Winnipeg will start. Then will come the Brandon & Golden Crown, the Stenwinder, the Brooklyn, the Knob Hill, the Old Ironsides and a dozen others.

### Will Be Operated With Water.

The Good Hope claim on Wild Horse creek, which was recently taken over by an English syndicate, will be worked all winter. R. W. McFarlane, engineer for the company, visited the property last week and surveyed the tunnel site. A force of six men will be worked throughout the winter. The cabins will first be put in shape, after which work will be commenced on the tunnel, which is now in 90 feet, and comprises most of the work that has been done on the property. Seven months' supplies for this force of men will be packed to the property as soon as possible.

### Work Resumed on the Letter.

Mr. Allan G. White says that work has been resumed on the Joseph Letter on Sophie mountain. The tunnel in the Letter is in for a distance of 273 feet and the new work will consist of crosscutting of lead No. 1.

### Concentrator to Be Tested.

The Philadelphia Mining company has completed its concentrator at Sheep creek. It is to be used to treat the ore of the Mountain Trail. Mr. H. S. Shrad, the superintendent of the company, will give the concentrator a trial test some time this week.

### MINING NOTES.

The Jencks Machine company yesterday sold 7,000 feet of 7-8 inch wire rope to the War Eagle company.

The strike made on the Portland on Sophie mountain seems to be permanent. Assays show the ore runs as high as \$100 to the ton.

### TROUT LAKE AND LARDEAU.

The Nettie L. to Ship All Winter—Bond on the Ethel.

Work on the Towser is progressing favorably, and it is expected that before long the force working there will be increased to 28 men.

The Nettie L. people are laying in a large quantity of supplies, and everything goes to indicate that the coming season will see this property making steady shipments of ore to the smelter.

During the coming winter it is expected that the Beatrice will make another shipment of ore. This property is the Payne mine of the Lardeau, and its development means much to the district. Last year about 70 tons were shipped out of 2,000 tons which were lying at in the mine.

Messrs. McPherson, Davy, Edge and Kinman have obtained a lease for six months on the Ethel, and expect to be reworking ore in about a month's time. It is the intention of the lessees to have a carload of ore ready for shipment by Christmas next.

## FROM OTHER CAMPS

### Mining Items From Districts in Southern British Columbia.

### THE WINTER SEASON COMING ON

The Week a Quiet one in Mining Circles—Notes From the Slokan, Trout Lake and Lardeau, East Kootenay and West of the Boundary Creek Country.

The week has been a very quiet one in mining circles throughout southeastern British Columbia. The continuous wet weather has made the mining roads unfit for traffic in many sections and all mining men are eagerly looking for the snow and good sleighing. There has been further trouble on the labor question in the Boundary country and at Ymir during the week and in the Slokan the solution of the trouble seems as far off as ever.

### BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

News of the Similkameen Section—Work on Copper Mountain—Other Notes.

Work on the Mother Lode in the Burnt Basin, has been discontinued for the present.

The compressor plant for the War Eagle mine in Greenwood camp has reached Greenwood and is being hauled to the mine.

The main shaft on the Bathmillen is now down 135 feet and good progress is being made by a staff of from 12 to 15 men. It will not be long before the 200 foot level will be reached and drifting commenced.

Mr. McGuire has started work on the Russell group with a force of nine men, and is contemplating continuing all winter. The Russell group is on Huckleberry mountain, about four miles southwest of Cascade and but a short distance from the Pontifex group, where Mr. Jno. Inkster has established camp for the winter, with another force of miners to work this group of claims.

The Similkameen section is rapidly taking a prominent position among the prominent mining camps of British Columbia. Copper mountain will be tested thoroughly this winter, as the Sunset Copper company are pushing development on their properties. R. A. Brown, the energetic manager of the company, has engaged all the available men in the district, a hoisting plant and pump have been purchased, and a road is now under construction from Princeton, which will be completed in a few days. The shaft on the Sunset is now over 50 feet deep and all in ore which will average about 18 per cent copper.

An idea of the value of this property may be formed when it is known that every man working for the company is anxious to take stock for wages. Mr. Brown intends to sink to a depth of 100 feet before crosscutting; at this depth the width of the ore body will be demonstrated, and as it is variously established at from 250 to 700 feet wide in the big ledge in the Boundary camps will have to look to their laurels.

On Kennedy mountain several promising claims are being worked. A force of men are working on the properties owned by a strong coast syndicate, who intend to continue developing this winter. The Cincinnati claim, on Copper Butte, owned by the Bate brothers, is one of the banner showings of the district. The ledge has been crosscut in several places for at least a thousand feet, average assays from seven feet of ore giving total values of from \$38 to \$67 in copper, silver and gold. Messrs. Bun and Jones have been working on the Sunrise shaft, the bottom of which is now all in ore showing very fine copper sulphides.

At Twenty-mile creek, Marcus Daly's company are completing arrangements for getting in machinery, and as soon as the wagon road is completed from Keremcon to Princeton, a mill will be erected on Sophie mountain, there being enough ore in sight to guarantee the success of the undertaking.

Several new discoveries have been made in the Ashola district. Collis and Stewart, who have a splendid lead of white quartz, are so encouraged that it is their intention to continue development this winter.

### THE SLOKAN.

Ore in Sight on American Boy—Properties That Will Work All Winter.

The Enterprise will soon resume general operations. The Madison has increased its force to 24 men.

It is estimated the American Boy has \$540,000 worth of ore in sight.

The L. H. will work all winter and a string of pack animals are kept busy packing up winter supplies.

On the Rainbow group, near Slokan City, the owners have driven in 35 and 40-foot tunnels, and have uncovered a nice showing of galena.

On the Marion and Merrimac, near New Denver, after tunnelling 200 feet, two strong veins of ore have been encountered. The first payment of bond has been made, and the owner is satisfied with the property in every way.

The affairs of the Noble Five Consolidated Mining company have been wound up and a new corporation formed to control the property.

tunnel will be continued for another 700 feet and a raise made to the No. 4 tunnel. Ore houses are being built at the mouth of No. 5, and an ore crusher put in. As soon as these buildings are completed stowing will be commenced. The property is in a position to make regular shipments.

At the Noonday mine they are storing ore away in the old stopes, as the ore carts are not able to anywhere near keep up to the miner and sort and sack the ore as fast as it is coming out of the mine. All the available space on the outside is piled up with ore, the chutes in the mine are all as full as it is possible to get them and so the old stopes are being used to pile up ore in. Two carloads of ore are now being taken to the mill, and awaiting transportation to the wharf. A system of air pipes and a fan have lately been installed at the mine and preparations are being made to work a large force of men this winter.

The Freddie claim which lies just below and adjoining the Noonday mine is to be developed this winter. This claim is owned by H. Loxton and John A. Turner of Nelson and it is the intention of the owners to erect suitable buildings and put a force of men to work as quickly as possible. The Noonday ledge crosses this claim and a large amount of float has been found on it, but as yet the ledge has not been found in place. The work of crosscutting the surface will be commenced at or near the wagon bridge below the Noonday claim and the owners are confident that the ledge will soon be uncovered. Development will be carried on all winter on this property.

The American Boy mine near Cody has rolled into line as one of the productive properties of the Slokan. An engineer who recently made an examination states there is \$540,000 worth of ore in sight which will yield a profit of at least \$100 per ton. It has been decided to build 400 feet of tram to connect with the Noble Five tramway in the spring, so as to concentrate the large dumps of material which have accumulated. Shipments heretofore have averaged three cars per month, but when contemplated improvements are made this amount will be greatly augmented. A force of 13 men are now steadily employed.

### EAST KOOTENAY.

Work on the Red Line Group—A Sulphur Mine—Strike on the Stenwinder.

Pat Quirk, one of the promoters of East Kootenay, has sold a half interest in the Hazel Galbraith and Prince of Wales claims on Boulder creek, to Spokane parties. The consideration was not made public.

From 12 to 16 men are employed on the Delphine, and more men are wanted if they could be got. The quantity of float is being piled up and fifty tons per day is being piled for good money. Ore for shipment is now being taken out, and shipments will be kept up all winter if the trail can be kept open.

The owners of the Red Line are building a trail to connect with the main trail on Horse Thief creek. They are putting up cabins for the men and stables for the horses, and expect to keep the trail open all winter. A tunnel is now being run to tap the vein at 100 feet depth at a point where the snowdrift on which the discovery was made will not interfere with the work; it is expected to tap the vein at any time.

The representative of the Trenton Iron and Superintending the construction of the new tramway of the North Star mine. This tramway will be about 6,200 feet long with a carrying capacity of 10 tons an hour. It will take about three months to complete the work.

The shaft on the Black Bear, near Kimberley, is now down 62 feet. After sinking through 35 feet of low grade ore, at a depth of 55 feet pay ore, similar to that found on the surface was encountered, carrying greater copper values. The vein is three and a half feet between walls.

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There is activity at the Sullivan mine. The work at present is confined to the Hamlet and Shylack claims. The drift from the No. 1 shaft is now in 28 feet in solid ore top and bottom and sides, the drift is to the north and has been in ore for the last 20 feet. A new shaft is being sunk north of the present working shaft, this is now down 25 feet in solid ore. The tunnel to connect with the No. 2 shaft is now in 50 feet. The dip of the vein seems to be north and east.

Vigorous work is being done at the Empire mine, several men being employed on the work of development. It is the intention of the company to make shipments this winter, and to that end a road is being made from Cranston to the foot of the mountain, and from thence a rawhide trail will be made to the mine, in order to facilitate shipments. There are now two carloads of sorted ore on the dump ready for shipment, which will average \$70 to the ton, in all values, according to recent assays. The ore is chalcopryite and assays \$27 twenty feet across the vein.

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## PROPERTY OF MERIT

### Mr. McEntire's Description of the Review Co.'s Holdings.

### THE ORE CARRIES HIGH VALUES

A Meeting of the Dundee Company to be held for the Purpose of Considering a Proposition to Dispose of its Assets—The Black Hawk Bonded.

Mr. R. M. McEntire is in the city on a visit. He was formerly one of the chief spirits of Camp McKinney, and promoted the Sailor Consolidated Mining and Milling company and other companies. He is now interested largely in the promotion of the Review Gold Mining company and says it is a great property and one which is destined to cut quite an important figure. The property was sold to the company by the firm of McEntire, McDonald, McDonnell & Co., of which he is a member, who purchased it from the original owner after it had been examined and favorably reported upon by a mining expert. The Review Gold Mining company's properties are located in the Meyer's Creek camp, 25 miles southwest of Greenwood. The company, which has taken over this property, has a capital of \$3,500,000, divided into shares of \$1 each. The officers are as follows: President, James Fitzpatrick, secretary and treasurer of the Union Iron Works of Spokane; vice-president, George D. Leyson of Greenwood; treasurer and general manager, Mr. R. M. McEntire; secretary, Mr. Patrick Shine of the law firm of Armour & Shine of Spokane. The above-named officers, with Mr. Stuart Armour, constitute the board of directors. The property has been well developed. A drift tunnel of 400 feet has been run. In addition to this a winze has been sunk on the vein, which is now down for a distance of 70 feet. There is also a crosscut of 46 feet. The ledge is 46 feet in width, while the paystreak runs from four inches to six feet. The ore is a quartz impregnated with lime and carries free gold. It is a free milling and concentrating proposition and can be worked on the same lines as the Cariboo mine of Camp McKinney, that is with stamps, and concentrating apparatus. There is a small percentage of sulphates. The ore can be concentrated 20 into 1. The ore found in the 400-foot drift tunnel as shown by assays taken at intervals as the work progressed goes from \$13.60 to \$132. In the winze, which has been driven to a depth of 70 feet below the tunnel and which gives a total depth of 230 feet, the ore from the bottom assays \$176.70 to the ton. A sample taken from the winze at a depth of 20 feet below the level of the tunnel went \$28.28. Samples taken from a depth of 12 feet in the winze went from \$2.37 to \$44.41.

Manager McEntire says he has a force of six men at work and this force is to be increased as the exigencies of the case demand. There are about 1,000 tons of ore on the dump all ready for the mill. The company intends early in the spring to erect a 10-stamp mill on the property.

### THE DEAL FOR THE DUNDEE.

R. A. O. Hobbes, the secretary of the Dundee Gold Mining company, limited, in the British Columbia Gazette, gives notice of a special general meeting of the stockholders, which is to be held in the office of the company in this city on Saturday, November 18th. The object of the meeting is to consider an offer for the purchase of the entire assets of the company, and, if it is deemed advisable, to pass a resolution authorizing the sale. It is said that an English company has made an offer for the assets of the company on the basis of 25 cents per share. Since the company is a special general meeting of the stockholders, which is to be held in the office of the company in this city on Saturday, November 18th. The object of the meeting is to consider an offer for the purchase of the entire assets of the company, and, if it is deemed advisable, to pass a resolution authorizing the sale. It is said that an English company has made an offer for the assets of the company on the basis of 25 cents per share. Since the company is a special general meeting of the stockholders, which is to be held in the office of the company in this city on Saturday, November 18th. The object of the meeting is to consider an offer for the purchase of the entire assets of the company, and, if it is deemed advisable, to pass a resolution authorizing the sale. It is said that an English company has made an offer for the assets of the company on the basis of 25 cents per share.

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### The Swansea Will Ship.

Mr. E. Wylie Johnston reports that ore is being sacked for shipment to the smelter in the spring at the Swansea. An agent for the Hall Mines smelter recently visited the property and made arrangements for purchasing the ore. Three hundred tons will be sacked and shipped and perhaps more. The ore carries 15 per cent copper.

## THE NELSON INQUEST.

### Verdict of the Jury—Did Not Obey Orders—Great Care Should Be Taken.

### Dr. Reddick, he coroner, and Messrs. James H. Good (foreman), Finlay Macdonald, H. W. C. Jackson, A. E. Denison, Stephen Garman and J. N. Macdonald, composing the jury empanelled to inquire into the cause of the death of Jacob Nelson, the miner who succumbed to the injuries received by him in the War Eagle mine on the morning of November 1st, again assembled at the city hall yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, and were driven to the War Eagle mine in carriages provided by Mr. Galt, the company's solicitor. The jury made a minute inspection of the scene of the recent accident in the 375-foot level and were then driven back to town.

At 2 o'clock the taking of evidence commenced, Mr. A. C. Galt appearing on behalf of the War Eagle company, and Mr. Joseph Ryan, from the office of Messrs. Abbott and Hart-McHarg, for Mr. Reysbaag, next of kin of the deceased. All the afternoon and a portion of the evening was consumed in taking the evidence, and a verdict was not reached until 10:15 o'clock.

Provincial Inspector of Mines McGreggor was present at the inquiry, and was called as a witness by Mr. Ryan. Dr. Angus Kenning, William Dooley, an ex-foreman of the War Eagle, James Dougherty, Iver Byorstad, Carl Davis, in charge of the underground workings of the mine, and some others were called upon to testify.

The medical testimony proved that the immediate cause of death was peritonitis caused by a ruptured spleen, the result of the accident in question. William Dooley, the foreman, said that a short time previous to the accident he instructed the deceased m