

# Are the Many Mines of Trail Creek District.

## A TALK WITH MR. W.P. SMITH

One of Rossland's Hustlers, Who Has Just Arrived in Toronto.

New York Capitalists are After Ontario Nickel Lands.

The Mail and Empire, a Paper Printed in Toronto—Gold Around Soudby.

Mayor Barnes of Rat Portage Makes a Prophecy—The Latest Mining News.

Some days ago two parties left Rossland for the east simultaneously, one starting out via Spokane and the Northern Pacific and the other via Revelstoke and the C. P. R. Both reached Toronto on the same day, the party which had chosen the more northerly route arriving a few hours behind the other. One of the latter was Mr. W. D. Smith of Rossland, who is associated in mining enterprises with the famous train, Campbell and Moynihan.

Talking to The World yesterday, Mr. Smith said that when he left Rossland there was three feet of snow on the level, and as much as ten feet on some of the hillsides. The Columbia River was open, and steamers would likely be able to run up the river as far as the falls. On the way to Revelstoke, the man was lost off the shore of the steamer, but the incident created no excitement on board.

Mr. Smith says the town is very active with a population of 300 people. The arrivals are just as heavy now as they were last fall, and many properties are changing hands. Several English capitalists have recently been in the camp, and invested largely, especially in the Rock Creek properties, miles out of the town.

De Marais, the agent of the French Government, before he left camp, privately invested in just two mining stocks, the St. Paul and the De Marais. Mr. Smith says the miners are pouring away in Trail Creek with a will. The winter has been interfered with the operations, and the properties are as a rule looking well. The Iron Col, in which he is interested, he says, is considered one of the wonders of the camp.

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E. J. Kelly is enthusiastic over Deer Park, as a strike of pay ore has been made.

St. Paul, in which he is also interested, Mr. Smith says, is looking well. The railway twice crosses the claim, and from the upper level track, 200 feet above the other, two tunnels have been opened. The property is now working in a nice ledge, and will peg away night and day all winter.

The Commander of the machinery is in position, and drifting is being done on the 200-foot level.

The No. 1 shaft on the No. 2 ledge of the Lily May is in solid ore, which assays high. A strike on this property was reported in the Mail and Empire, left camp.

The litigation over the Green Mountain claim has been settled. This property, which is said to have the best surface showing in the district, is now likely to be sold and developed.

The big ledge on the Silver Bell is looking well.

The rumor that the Le Toi pool has been broken in is true. Judge Turner and Col. Peyton, representing a majority and a minority pool respectively, have taken over the 500,000 shares of the company are in their hands. The 20,000 shares, the greater number of which, are in Ontario. A. G. McLaren of Perth has looked upon as the holder of 3,000.

WALL-STREET NEWS.

Said to be Tying to Buy Soudby Nickel Lands.

It is stated on good authority that New York capitalists are after Ontario nickel lands. A Wall-street syndicate is understood to have asked for a \$10,000 option on the Canadian Copper Company's property at Soudby.

Mail and Empire scores.

The Soudby News takes The Mail and Empire to task for stating that the Canadian Copper Company's mines at Soudby had closed down because of a strike on the property. The paper, which says that the news was a rumor, says that the company is actually working on the property, and that the strike is a rumor.

Other producers are finding it difficult to obtain enough matte to enable them to fill their orders.

Within the past three years there has been a move in the direction of a probable strike on the part of the nickel belt, partially carried out, but still incomplete, and we would expect to see some movement in the Mail and Empire of the 3rd inst. sent broadcast through Canada and the United States (very true) as an object of deterring investors from going into the nickel industry which would be competitors with the Canadian Copper Company) sent by parties interested in killing it off.

We trust investors will not be hoodwinked, as while the C. C. Co. is complaining of lack of market their men are actually starving for matte to furnish the refined product to fill their orders.

GOLD AROUND SoudBY.

Various Properties Said to be Making Fine Showings.

The Henry-Cook find in the Township of Broder, four miles south of Soudby, is showing up very rich. The vein at a depth of four feet is ten feet in width and gold is panned out from any part of the vein. A picked specimen of quartz assayed \$120 gold per ton.

The Noel and Ratnall claim in the same township looks well. The vein appears to be the same as the Henry and Cook. It is a small vein, but carries gold in paying quantities, associated with iron and copper pyrites.

Rumor says the Kettle-Ranger claim at Lake Wahnapitae has been sold to a stock company for \$15,000 cash and \$15,000 paid up stock.

Silver and Copper ore.

James Peasey of Soudby has struck silver at from three to four miles west of Chelmsford. Louis Giroux claims to be the first in the business, so they have compromised and gone snook.

About ten miles northwest of Chelmsford an Indian trapper some time ago discovered a mineralized property. Mr. J. Tyne of Trail, who went out to look at it, was surprised to find two distinct veins 8 to 10 inches wide running in easterly direction. The Indian had dug a hole in each vein 2 to 3 feet deep with a common

# SILVER MINING ACTIVITY.

## A Revival of the Industry Reported From Port Arthur.

According to advices from Port Arthur, reports reaching there from the Rabbit Mountain silver mine say that everything on that property is in good shape, and the chances are that the mine will soon be turning out bullion.

For the time being, the mine is being worked by Mr. W. Leany of Woodside Bros. foundry and machine shop, Port Arthur, who has been engaged for some time in refitting, cleaning, and in other ways putting the vast amount of machinery in order.

A gang of eight men are now at work pumping out the shaft, which has become filled with water.

Capt. Dan McPherson, one of the owners of the mine, is superintending the work and hopes to have active mining work on the mine.

The Rabbit Mountain mine is three miles west of the once famous Beaver Creek mine, which was one of the big silver producing groups which some years ago were turning out hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of the bright metal. Although the price of silver is down at the present time, the party which has been engaged for the mine owners to buy against it, is generally hoped that the starting of the mine will be a commencement to renewed activity in silver mining here.

25,000 PEOPLE.

That is the Population of Rat Portage Before 1900.

In a recent interview, Mayor Barnes of Rat Portage prophesied that the population of the town would before long reach 25,000 people.

Messrs. Kirby of Winnipeg and the well-known prospector Mr. W. M. Caldwell are leasing with a view to men for Manitou, where work is to be at once commenced on localities to which Kirby and Caldwell are deeply interested.

The property was originally discovered by the original discoverers on the advice of "Billy" Caldwell, who has been leasing with a view to men for Manitou, where work is to be at once commenced on localities to which Kirby and Caldwell are deeply interested.

Almost all reports are coming in his selections, and the properties he has opened up are among the very best in the country, as with Sultana, Regina, Empress, Witch Bay and others equally well known.

Mr. Joe Hermon, from the Sweden mine, was at Rat Portage on Monday and reports very interesting news.

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