

FROM OUTSIDE CAMPS

THE LARDEAU.

S. Shannon returned on Tuesday evening from a snowshoe trip to the Black Warrior, east of McDonald creek basin. He brings back good news. The new tunnel started since the Winona, Minn., people took hold of it on a working bond is now driven in on the lead 65 feet, and on Monday the men broke into a small chute of clean ore which gives every indication of being the same ore body as is found on the surface some 45 feet above. Mr. Shannon intends to have them sink to connect with the 170 foot tunnel below.

Among the many properties in this district which will commence an extensive programme of development work next spring is the Lone Star group. This property is located on the southern slope of Nettle L. hill, and consists of three claims, the Black Hawk, Three Friends and Lone Star. It was sold last season by George B. Batho, the owner, through A. E. Welch of London, Ont., to a syndicate of Toledo investors, among whom are Messrs. Metzger, O'Donnell, Bullock, Jones, Tyler, Kirby, McAbee, Detwiler, Irish, Pilliod and others.—Lardeau Eagle.

The returns of the Ruffed Grouse to hand this week, while not coming up to expectations, are nevertheless encouraging indeed. The gross weight of the shipment was 11,767 pounds, less moisture 2.7 per cent and weight of sacks 236 pounds, leaves a net weight of 11,174. The smelter assay per ton was 153.7 ounces silver and 10 per cent lead. Contents were 914.59 ounces silver at 56.24 cents per ounce \$492.08, 1,117 pounds lead at 1.404 cents per pound \$14.11; total gross value \$507.19, less freight and treatment from the Landing gives a net result of \$426.18 for which the owners, Messrs. James Livingston and Ole Peterson, received a cheque. Payment was made for 95 per cent of the silver and 90 per cent of the lead. Figuring the shipment roughly at five and one-half tons the gross returns per ton would be about \$85. Deduct from this the cost of freight and treatment from the mine to the smelter, \$34.50, and the net profit is \$50.50.

It will be observed from the above that owing to the exceedingly low price obtainable for lead that it does not pay for mining it, the price paid for over half a ton of bullion being a little over \$14.

Things, however, appear to be brightening in this direction, and it may be that before the new year things will have taken definite shape towards the establishment of a refinery at some point in Kootenay. In this event a great bound upward of the depressed silver-lead mines of the Kootenay may be confidently looked for.

Speaking to Mr. Livingston, one of the owners of the Ruffed Grouse, on Wednesday last, the Topic was informed that when railway communication was established between Trout Lake and the head of Kootenay Lake a great saving would be made in freight rates over the railway, and were the government induced to build a sleigh road or good rawhide trail from the mouth of Trout creek to connect with the Ruffed Grouse trail at some point on the Lucky Boy ground the ore from the properties on the Ruffed Grouse hill would be enabled to lay their ore on the cars at Trout Lake for a cost of from \$3 to \$4 per ton. This would mean a saving of \$15.50 per ton, or a net profit of \$76 instead of \$60.50 per ton as is the case under present conditions of transportation. With a refinery established in the Kootenay, taking the present smelter returns as a basis of valuation, the ore from the Ruffed Grouse ought to give a profit of at least \$80 on every ton extracted.

Work on the Senorita group on Canyon creek is making substantial progress. Jacob Schmitt was down there on Tuesday last and says the men are now in about 35 feet with a fine showing of ore in the face of the tunnel. They have now got considerable ore on the dump.

There are now about 43 men working at the Silver Cup and the work of getting out ore is proceeding vigorously. Something like 400 tons of the 1000-ton shipment is now lying sacked at the mine.—Trout Lake Topic.

THE BOUNDARY.

PHOENIX, Nov. 29.—Shipments of ore from the Boundary mines are smaller than for the last week. In detail the shipments were as follows:

Granby Mines	4,532
B. C. Mine	725
Winnipeg	60
Snowshoe	180
Mother Lode	2,202
Total	7,899

Total for the year to date 335,237 tons, valued at \$2,011,732. The Granby ore went to the Granby smelter at Grand Forks.

The Snowshoe and Mother Lode shipments went to the Mother Lode smelter at Greenwood, and the Winnipeg ore was sent to the Trail smelter.

During the past week development work on the Carmi and Butcher Boy in Carmi camp has uncovered much better ore than had heretofore been taken out of either property. The rich shoot was tapped in the Carmi shaft at a depth of 125 feet. This body of ore is between five and six feet in width. The Carmi is owned by an English syndicate at the head of which is E. H. Thurston. The mine is situated at the junction of Carmi creek with the West Fork of Kettle river, and adjoining the town of Carmi. Last year 900 tons of ore was shipped from the mine to the Greenwood smelter. Previous work on the property consisted of open cuts for the purpose of tracing the ledge, a tunnel 85 feet, an incline shaft 48 feet, and the shaft on which sinking is now

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TRADING FOR THE WEEK WAS SOMEWHAT NARROW AND IRREGULAR.

Centre Star was generally weak, the selling price going as low as 30. On the closing day 10,000 shares changed hands at prices varying from 30 to 32. Iron Mask has shown unusual activity and strength, the price going up to 25 for one block of 1000 shares. The particular occasion for the spurt in this stock has not been disclosed.

Giant has also come in for a little attention, sales of some blocks being recorded at an advanced price.

Cascade, an unusual visitor to the market, was sold to the extent of 5000 shares at 2 cents. Winnipeg has almost dropped out of the market, the price going down to 3.4. Rambler-Cariboo has kept its strength remarkably, and shares are hard to get on the local market even at 55 and 57, a fact which shows that the stock has been heavily bought up as an investment.

The sales for the different days of the week were:

Friday	3,000
Saturday	3,000
Monday	5,500
Tuesday	13,500
Wednesday	18,500
Total	48,500

Asked Bid

Abe Lincoln	8	
American Boy	10 1/2	9 1/2
Arizona	4	0
B. C. Gold Fields	3	
Big Three	2 1/2	9
Black Tail	11	9
California	6	4
Canadian G. F.	4 1/2	13 1/2
Cariboo (Camp McK)	16	36
Centre Star	52	36
Crow's Nest Pass Coal	80	37 1/2
Deer Trail No. 2	3	2 1/2
Dundas	5	4
Evening Star (as. p'd)	5	4
Giant	5	4
Golden Crown M. Ltd	5	3
Homestake (as. paid)	2	1
Iron Mask (as. paid)	27	23 1/2
Iron Colt	1	1
I. X. L.	15	1
Jumbo	5	4
King (Oro Denoro)	6	4 1/2
Knob Hill	3	1
Lone Pine	3	1
Monte Christo	3	1
Montreal G. F.	3	1 1/2
Morning Glory	3	1 1/2
Morrison	3	1 1/2
Mountain Lion	27	23 1/2
Noble Five	30	22
North Star (E. K.)	1	1
Novelty	85	75
Old Ironsides	17	10
Lone Pine	2	2
Peoria Mines	2	2
Princess Maud	3	2
Quill	21	15
Rambler Cariboo	57	54 1/2
Republic	5	3
Roseland Bonanza G. M. & Co	5	0
Spitzee Gold Mines	50	0
St. Elmo Con	11	8 1/2
Sullivan	5	2
Tamarac (as. p'd)	5	2
Tom Thumb	17	14
Van Anda	3	1 1/2
Virginia	3	1 1/2
War Eagle Con	12	10
Waterloo	1 1/2	1 1/2
White Bear	3	1 1/2
Winnipeg	5	3
Wonderful	4	2

SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY

It is reported that the North Star mine will resume operations in December.

Work on the Sullivan mine will commence in February.

Work on the Estella mine at Tracy creek will be continued during the winter months.

A small force is at work on the Old Abe property at Bull river.

A report from Windermere is to the effect that a strike of rich ore, running 800 to 1,000 ounces in silver has been made on the Red Line group.

Some oil prospectors who have returned from the oil fields in the Flat-head valley, report that they have found oil on Sage creek, having discovered oil and water coming from a spring where the creek leaves the mountain. Close by there was natural gas escaping from the bedrock. The location of the discovery is about six miles north of the Kintla Lake locations, and in the Fort Steele district.

In spite of adverse reports from outside parties the big iron deposits at Bull river continues to attract the attention of mining men. The first payment on the bond held by Mr. Gebro was asked for, but refused by the owners, who say, "Stand by your contract and we will do the same." It is an assured fact that in less than twelve hours after any portion of the present contract expires the property will be bonded at the same figures to a syndicate who fully understand the present and future prospective value of the property.—Fort Steele Prospector.

THE SLOCAN.

SLOCAN, Nov. 29.—Charles Dempster, who floated the Republic deal, has successfully disposed of the Champion group, on Twelve Mile creek, to eastern parties. Billy Harrington, one of the owners in the Champion received a wire Wednesday evening from the bank at Windsor, Ontario, stating that the purchase money had that day been paid over to his credit from Mr. Gebro Dempster. This was later confirmed by a telegram from Mr. Dempster.

The Champion group consists of the Champion and Sapphire claims, about one and a half miles from the lake and owned by Billy Harrington and Billy Lee. The claims were located last spring and have had nothing done on them beyond surface stripping. By this an ore shoot has been exposed that, so far shown, is 300 feet long and runs as wide as two and one-half feet. Assays show that the general average of the ore is good. It is a dry ore and similar to that of the V. & M. group.

In deference to the wishes of the interested parties the price and terms of the deal are withheld, but the figures are for a substantial amount. What Mr. Dempster's plans are will not be known until he arrives, but it is expected he will order work to begin at once on both the Republic and Champion.

Sid Norman, who recently bonded the Transfer group, arrived from Spokane Tuesday and at once set about arranging matters for the development of six or seven men, to start in the next day. Mr. Norman will prosecute development all winter.

Dr. H. Lehnen of St. Paul, a prominent financier and a director in two banks, visited the Tamarac group on Spring creek Tuesday. He came here at the solicitation of the Spokane company developing the property. He said that he would recommend the lifting of the bond next month and that the force employed be increased at once for either a tramway or wagon road to the mine be constructed as soon as possible. Dr. Lehnen is an experienced mining man. He visited West Kootenay in the early days. He was in the Slocan country 11 years ago. Of late years he has been interested in the Lake of the Woods country around Rat Portage.

An unexpected strike has been made on the Iron Horse on Ten Mile creek. It was made in a raise driven from the long tunnel just above the shaft. A few feet from the ceiling of the drift the men broke into a shoot of clean ore about 10 inches wide and extending upwards. The long drift run by the Evans syndicate of Vancouver had cut just below the shoot and exposed nothing. The raise will be 91 feet long, so considerable stopping ground will be opened up.

Only 20 tons of ore were sent out this week, and that came from the Enterprise. The roads in the camp are in a frightful condition and cannot be used. An unsuccessful attempt was made to move ore from the Arlington property.

SALES.

Centre Star, 500, 30c; 1000, 31 3/4c; 2000, 2000, 1000, 3000, 1000, 32c; Giant, 3000, 4c; 2000, 41-2c; American Boy, 1000, 10-14c; War Eagle, 2000, 12-12c. Total 18,500.

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PATRICK'S TRIAL.

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George Kirk left yesterday for Toronto.

HOOSACK FALLS, N. Y., Dec. 3.—A heavy snowstorm has been raging here nearly all day. Trains are delayed and the traffic is generally blocked.

Joe Catizan, W. D. Burns and A. C. Grand left yesterday on a visit to Baker City, Ore.

MISS MYERS and Mrs. Dr. Smith of Grand Forks, left yesterday via the Canadian Pacific for Trenton, Ont.

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Spitzee.—Work has

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Le Roi

Le Roi No. 2

Centre Star

War Eagle

Roseland G. W.

Iron Mask

Homestake

S. L.

Spitzee

Velvet

Monte Cristo

Evening Star

Giant

Portland

Totals

Le Roi.—The week

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Le Roi No. 2.—The

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Nickel Plate.—The

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Centre Star.—The

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being done thorough

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Velvet.—The reports

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the Red Mountain rail

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Spitzee.—Work has

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