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MINING NOTES.

Though work on the Hall Mines smelter is being pushed as rapidly as possible it will be some weeks before it will be complete. When the new furnace is ready it will ruse the capacity of the smelter to 330 tons a day. The extension of the main tunnel of the mine is proceeding rapidly, and when the smelter is ready the output of the mines will be about 200 tons

Iti expected that the Payne group in Slocan will ship 3,000 tons of ore before spring.

Although no ore is being taken out of the Whitewater, it is said that there are 1,200 tons in sight.

Now it is stated that he site of the War Eagle smelter will be at Northport.

D. M. Linnard's syndicate has secured the Gopher, one of the old locations in the south belt, lving between the Homestake and the Maid of Erin. Judging from the many unsuccessful efforts to purchase the Gopher, made by various individuale and syndicates, Mr. Linnard must have exercised the patience of a Job and the wisdom of a Solomon before the deal was com-

The mining boom in the east has brought with it a revival of interest in the mica mine near Gananoque, Ont,, and we learn that the mine is to be worked.

It is understood that Mr. Corbin intends building a railroad from Marcus into Boundary next spring, should the application for a charter be granted by the Provincial government.

At a depth of eight feet in the Triumph shaft solid copper pyrites was found, and an assay returned 30.4 per cent. copper and \$3 in gold. The Victory tunnel is being driven in on the big vein, which is the pride of Sophic mountain prospectors.

Work on the Red Eagle is proceeding and a good showing is the result of the first few days' drilling and blasting. There is now a four foot vein of tine ore in the cut on the Mayflower ledge.

There is a good showing of gold-copper ore on the Velvet on Sophie mountain. The latest assay was 5.5 per cent; copper and \$27 gold.

It is stated in Toronto papers that an offer of \$1,000,000 has just been refused for the well-known Sultana mine, which is located on an island in the Lake of the Woods, Ont. The owners, it is said, want a million and a half. A fsw years ago the claim was sold for Stoo.

The report is current in Spokane that the Great Northern intends to enter the Trail Creek district, and will reach Rossland by means of a branch line sixty miles in length up Priest river.

After a long search, a certificate for 500 shares of Le Roi stock, which had been missing for years, was found in a bank in Chambersburg, Pennsylvahia, where it had been deposited as collateral. It belongs to the estate of the late V. M. Massey, of Spokane.

E. J. Kelly, manager of the Deer Park, has returned from Spokane.

Mr. John A. Ewan, who has been in the camp for several weeks preparing copy for the Globe's special Rossland edition, left for Toronto yesterday.

The Walters company is to be incorporated, with a capital stock of \$100,000. The officers are: Howard C. Walters, general manager; J. C. Drewry, secretary and treasurer; H. C. Walters, J. C. Drewry, Duncan McMillan and Alfred J. Walters, directors.

The second payment of \$3,500 on the Hattie has been made by the bonding syndicate.

A contract has been let for an upraise in the Cliff mine. The ore chute in the No. 2 tunnel of the Cliff is narrow, but assays as high as \$36.

The War Eagle's No. 2 tunnel has reached another chute of high-grade ore 100 feet from the west end line. The ore body is eight feet wide.

Work has been begun on the Golden Drip.

Considerable progress has been made on the Snowdrop, operated by the International company. Seven men are at work and improved assays are being obtained.

The Butte shaft is now down eight feet, and assays of \$20 in gold and copper have been obtained.

Yesterday the force of men employed on the Sunset No. 2 was increased to fifteen. This property has a magnificent showing of hugh-grade ore, that in the bottom of the forty-two foot shaft being four feet wide and assaying as high as \$40 and \$50.

Field, Hobbs & Co. have opened offices in the Grand Union Hotel and will operate as mining

An offer of 60 cents a share for the controlling interest in the Deer Park has just been refused. Mr. Mulholland, the largest stockholder, declined to consider any offer under \$1 a share. The west crosscut in the mine has been driven twenty feet across the vein, all in high-grade ore. The face is still in solid ore. The crosscut will be continued until the foot wall is reached and then a crosscut will be driven from the shaft east to the hanging wall. The showing of ore in the crosscut is said to be remarkable. Preparations for the shipment of or, are being made, and a steam hoist will be in operation within two weeks.

The people of Sudbury refuse to accept the "anite" theory of Prof. Coleman, and continue to substance so-called for fuel.

Reports from the Orphan Boy are most encouraging. Progress of work has been rapid. There is fine ore in sight and the directors expect to have a shipping mine very soon.

The crosscut tunnel on the Waneta and Trail Creek property has been driven through the ledge, which is fifteen feet wide, the filling being composed of carbonates and decomposed from heavily stained with copper pyrites. This is proving a first-class property.

The temporary terminus of the Red Mountain Railroad is being constructed at Nickle Plate Flat. There is a freight blocade at Northport, and until that is relieved no passenger trains will be run.

Col. S. W. Ray has purchased the Dardanelles group in Clocan. A company has been formed to operate the mine, which has, so far, shipped 72,000 ounces of silver.

The Ibex, adjoining the Silver Bell, in the south belt, is being developed. It has good surface indications and should make a good mine.

Nearly all the pack trails are still open, and pack trains laden with supplies leave almost hourly for various outside properties under development.

A dividend on the preferred stock of the Hall Mines has been declared.

Hon. Mr. Blair is opposed to the idea of a law taking from aliens the rights of free miners.

Admiral Selwyn, the inventor of the Zymean process of extracting gold, silver and copper, has written to the Boundary Creek Times to say that he is confident that by this process Trail Creek ores can be treated at the small cost of \$1.25 per ton.

THE ST. KEVERNE GROUP.

A strong company has been formed in Spokane to operate the St. Keverne group, adjoining the Payne group on Payne mountain, in the Slocan district. There are six claims in the group-the St. Keverne, Dominion, O. B. H., Exeter Keystone and Felix. J. D. Farrell is president; Chas, D. Reeder, vice-president; Sidney Norman, secretary and treasurer. These names are sufficiently well known to assure the public that the affairs of the company will be conducted in a business-like manner, and the locality of the claims, taken with the surface indications, make it certain that the property will prove a most valuable one.