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### THE WAVERLEY MINE.

The Waverley Mine, Limited, recently held an interesting first statutory meeting in London, England, under the presidency of Mr. Callow Hole. It was stated that the company had not gone to allotment with a full subscription of £10,000, but with one representing a capital of over £20,000, which should be sufficient for the present, as the chairman correctly stated. Indeed if the Waverly mine proves even half so rich as its owners believe it, the capital now in hand ought without strain to place it on a substantial dividend earning basis, since it is reported by Mr. Grant-Govan, the promoter and leading director, to be a "paying mine from the grass roots." Mr. Grant-Govan adds that the company should ship 1,000 tons of ore, worth \$100,000, ere the close of the present year. A goodly prognostication assuredly, the consummation of which will be generally anticipated with expectant interest in B. C., and if realised be regarded as quite exceptionally satisfactory and justifying early valuations, which the Mix-ING CRITIC and other journals in B. C. certainly regarded as in tone too broadly and generally optimist and disregardful of usual allowances for mining drawbacks.

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### CONCENTRATES.

The Trail smelter refinery turned out its first gold brick a few days ago. It 1 weighed rather over 20 pounds.

Geenwood City is about to elect its first Mayor and Council. There will soon be a long list of B. C. mining municipalities. Oreenwood is the first city to be incorporated in the Boundary Creek district.

Mr. John Matier has in his possession some very fine specimens of ore which were brought down from Jarvis Inlet. Three claims, Yellow Jacket, Yanka Morie and the Surprise, give excellent showings. The assays run about \$19.63 raw, and concentrates 142.68 gold, silver and copper.

The Nelson Economist thinks that Mayor Houston of its city receives a somewhat excessive honorarium in a salary of \$2,000, the biggest paid to any mayor in B. C. But in justice to Nelson's chief magistrate, it must be said that he advised the Council to vote no higher mayoral salary than \$1,500. But Nelson's Council evidently opined that the Mayor of so solid a city as theirs merited a salary correspondingly solid, and gave it accordingly.

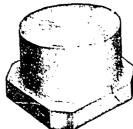
The New Denver Ledge of last week contained a slashing attack on the leading officials of the Ross, and Board of Trade. Its President, a Mr. McLaughlin, has now, it seems, left the city, as also has its Secretary, a Mr. Franklin, each gentleman having, according to the Ledge's Rossland correspondent, made good use of his official position to push mining connections of his own "back East." Hence Rossland's Board of Trade would seem to be in a state of suspended animation and arrested usefulness. Meanwhile Mayor Scott is also away from Rossland at his old home in Galt, Ont. Evidently officials have a good and easy time at Rossiand at this present. But until freight and ore treatment rates can be reduced from \$11 to \$6 or \$7 a ton, the Rossland Miner admits that the output of the camp must continue to go slow and disappoint general outside expectations.

### THE ALLEGED TIN FIND.

Assays lately made have disproved the belief that a tin mine had been discovered in the Bonaparte River near Asheroft. There are no traces of tin in the deposit, and the Cornish miners interested are evidently self-deceived.

### THE GRANITE CREEK HYDRAULIC MINES.

Quiet work is being done on these mines, but there is nothing of importance to chronicle, save the end of a short strike of the workers. The Similkameen and Tulameen districts are still going very slow, as regards productive development.



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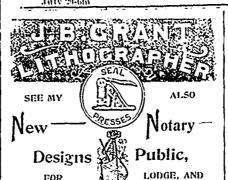
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### ROSEBERY'S PROSPECTS.

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A WANT OF THE SLOCAN.

A great need of the Slocan country at this present is more capital, with experienced men engaged to invest it properly in claim development. There are and have been in that great silver district mines capable of paying from the grass roots, but a capital of \$300 to \$500, which is all that the working miner often has wherewith to open up for shipping his promising claim or group of claims, is usually altogether insufficient for the purpose. Hence the abandonment of many a very likely opportunity, often too obtained on a low priced option quickly terminable.

Not a few claims, left for the time being unworked from lack of capital, are thus likely some lay, in the hands of men stronger financially, to rield excellent returns, alike in ore shipments and profits. Too much has been built on the act that the Slocan is "a poor man's country." his it certainly is in a sense, speaking relativey and by comparison with other precious metal stricts of B. C., but even there it is very rare or a man or group of men to start successfully n mine development win a working capital of Yet this is often more than 1000 or under. he total sum wherewith a Slocan man starts neerily the work of claim development.

country" argument, have been attracted many hundreds of men, fresh from North West, Manitoba or other ranches, men capable of successful plough and spade work among grain or roots, but altogether unused to blasting, tunnelling, lode following and other mine work. enough, many of those Slocan settlers fresh from the fields have made failures of their mine ventures and also not achieved any very striking success even as mine workers. To day the best working miners in the Slocan hail from Montana and other mining States of the Republica fact which has to be frankly, if reluctantly, admitted—and these men naturally secure the first and best openings, where such are under the control of practical mine owners, incorporated or otherwise. In time no doubt the sturdy men from non-mining parts of Canada and elsewhere will gain sufficient experience in the Slocan and elsewhere to become as successful workers as the American silver-lead miners, who have migrated thither. But in the interim the lot of the whilom agriculturist turned miner will not usually be easy, whilst his mistakes of method will often prove costly to himself and others.

The Slocan is developing steadily, despite the continuing fall in silver, so great are usually the value of its deposits, but this development will continue to be gradual, rather than rapid, so long as so many of the best mine workers of the country are backed by but scanty capital.

There are still many and excellent opportunities in the Slocan for capital to embrace with profit, despite the depreciation of silver, though we suppose that for a while at least gold loving British investors will continue to be somewhat chary of investing in a silver country, and prefer even to take very, very doubtful chances in such things as Clondyke syndicates, often, by the bye—more often, indeed, than not—intended to be officered and worked by men of influential status, but withal unpossessed of the merest atomic knowledge of the frozen far northland and the proper methods of exploiting for other than promoting purposes, its frost bound hidden

### WAITING SPECIALISTS.

There are many specialist investigators now in B. C. seeking to ascertain and secure eligible opportunities for British capital, yet as a rule they are at present very slow indeed to advise The fact is that they are in many cases naturally perplexed-though unready as a rule to admit it—by the novel formations and, to them, new conditions presented by many of the precious metal deposits of the Province. they are for the most part quietly waiting and watching, gaining meanwhile experience and It is likely enough, therefore, that knowledge. several months will elapse ere many big new investments of British capital in B. C. will be made at the suggestion of investigators now in B. C., and those most likely to know believe that more will be done in this way on their report during the quiet months of winter than during the remainder of our now waning summer and approaching brief period of autumn. "They also serve"-their clients-"who only stand and wait" is true of not a few of the genuine specialist agents of British mining capital who are now in our midst. There are other and more or less bogus investigators, of course, and we speak only of a moderately large number of good men with ample backing.

### THE CASE OF ROSSLAND.

The Trail Creek Miner, commenting hereanent, says, speaking with the utmost plainness:

"It is a matter of common notoriety that the mining companies at Rossland are more in need of ore than they are of ore buyers. The total shipments from the Rossland camp from January 1st to July 31st of this year amount to 40,969 tons, or less than 195 tons per day. This is much less than half the capacity of the Trail smelter."

After this what the MINING CRITIC has said seems tame and reads so too. And this admission, be it noted, comes from the very district whereof Rossland is the centre. Clearly much more must therefore yet be done by the Rossland mining companies to justify the boast that the camp around the town is one of the world's greatest. The trouble is that on the strength of this boast the eyes of the world have been continually directed to Rossland as B. C.'s great.

ed and rate as overboomed the whole Province. What, however, has done the worst harm of all, have been the numerous inaccurate statements and disappointing changes of front made by the present owners of the War Eagle.

The output of the Le Roi mine alone at present sustains something of the repute of Rossland though we admit there are several other mines of much promise. But more than four or five large and good metal producers are needed to make a place one of the greatest mining camps in the world. Thus to approve itself Rossland and the connected railroad and ore treatment organisations must get a great move on in the very carly future, or most will look elsewhere than to Rossland as one of the great gold centres of the Pacific North West.

### REASSURED.

The Hon. Col. Baker, M.P.P., has, as Provincial Minister of Mines, disclaimed emphatically all intention to remove from Fort Steele this own embryo townsite and settlement of Cranbrook the East Kootenay Provincial Government offices. Fort Steele is, he declares entitled on grounds of public convenience to retain them, it being the principal town in southern East Kootenay.

This is satisfactory, but the matter should never have been in doubt, as we hope it never really was, despite the fears of the people of the Fort Steele district, who have in the past certainly been well treated by their representative the gallant Colonel, as regards roads, trails and other requirements.

It is, above all things, essential that a Minis' ter of the Crown should, in British Columbia as elsewhere, ever refuse to allow his public action to be subordinated to private interests. contrary to this essential of correct public service has too often been the bane of Canadian admin istrations, though the evil seems small in dimensions when contrasted with the giant proportions which it attains in the neighbor Republic It is, however, well that increasing vigiland now generally marks the public notice of administrative bodies, large and small, in this Province of ours, since such an attitude ever proves a most effective check on malfeasance. times, of course, a public man's attitude is in consequence misconceived and criticised accord <u>in alv. but be soon wo</u> حلله

### MORE BRITISH CLONDYKE COM-PANIES.

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The Cloudyke Yukon Exploring Syndieate, Limited, has been formed in London, England, under a capital of £25,000 in £1 shares, including 2,000 founder's shares, of which the promoters take 1,750 for their trouble and expense, whilst each ordinary shareholder is to receive one founder's share for each 100 of ordinary shares taken. The capital of the Company has the merit of being moderate, and the organisation proposes to add trading to mining. The managing man is to be a Mr. John James, M.E., who is to at like experience gotten in South Africa and Western Australia under wholly different circumstar ces of climate, people and location to the case of the Cloudyke, exchanging in particular lands of burning heat for a region arctic for seven months of the year. Mr. James is to have very large powers, and the experiment should at least prove interesting as a test of personal adaptability, though a prior far northern experience of gold mining would seem to be a special advantage in the case of Cloudyke enterprises.

Another Clondy ice company formed in London. Eng., to engage in exploring and france is the Clondyke Pioneer Syndicats, Limited. Here too the capital is moderate, £25,000 in ordinary and deferred shares. In this case a Mr. H. N. Coleman is to pilot the fortunes of the Company in the far north. The Exploiters and Investors Trust, Limited, a third London organisation, is meanwhile increasing a share capital of £25,000 by £17,500 in £1 shares, with a view to trade and mine in the Clondyke.

Presumably these companies will do lutte, of necessity, to accomplish their special purposes until the late spring of 1898, till when all must in their cases be anticipation plus needful preparation.

# A VERACIOUS MANCHESTER PAPER.

The B. C. Review speaks as follows of a recent article in a new English halfpenny evening paper, the Manchester Evening Chronicle:

"The Manchester Evening Chroniele of Friday, 30th, contains an account of Chirdyke --presumably an interview with a Manchester man who "knows the country." In this case we do not know the man, as he certainly does not come from Sheffleld, where something is known of British Columbia. The article is delightful reading—the information is both startling and novel: 'The Cloudyke boom originated in the bringing down of \$250,000 in gold-dust to Victoria by Yukon Esquimaux, who obtained this pocket with the aid of dynamite! Chinamen make fabulous sums by standing in 3 ft. of water on the Fraser River and washng gold; but they are always murdered v. train-jumpors, and Indians. The "The Esquimaux (!) of the Peace River eat the flesh of their dead relatives."

It is worth noting that the Manchester Evening Chronicle, which prints the idiotic farrago given above, recently declined an offer of genuine correspondence regularly sent. But too many English papers will print nonsense about the Colonies, whilst inserting little that is valuable, and that little usually in the form only of much condensed cable despatches. The simple explanation is that they get the nonsense for nothing, and usually decline to pay for Colonial press matter, save in the form of cables. Now and again, however, the English press gushes effusively over things Colonial. More than half the prevalent British ignorance of Greater Britain is due to newspaper indifference.

### THE KAMLOOPS DISTRICT'S ORES.

Leading prospects on Coal Hill are stated to be falling into the hands of good parties, and as a result of development ensuing the number of cirtificates of work issued has lately exceeded expeccations. Meanwhile sluicing for gold on Jameson Creek is moderately rewarding a number of gold seekers, though the gold bearing rock whence the alluvial deposits come has not yet been traced. Very rich gray copper and galena ore has lately been found by Messrs. McDonald and Redpath on Shuswap Lake, one specimen, it is stated, assaying 585 ounces of silver, 4 dwt. gold and 1214 per cent. copper from a vein 20 inches thick. The claim is three miles from the lake and easily accessible by pack trail. Doubtless the specimen assayed was quite exceptionally rich, but it should indicate a good likelihood of the claim developing into a profitable mine.

### THE GOLDEN CACHE.

The stamp mill at this mine will, it is expected, begin work within a fortnight or so from date. The Alpha Bell Co., another Vancouver undertaking in the same Cayoose Creek district of Lillooet, will also shortly erect a stamp mill. New discoveries of valuable free milling gold are meanwhile reported from Bridge Creek in the same district. All British Columbians are now growing impatient to hear the first results of stamp working in Lillooet, as upon its richness in free milling gold the greatest of hopes repose.

### A SIGN OF THE TIMES.

The B. C. Smelting and Refining Co., of Trail, has resolved to set up a silver lead smelting plant. The company evidently mean to keep the smelter well at work with precious metal ores, even though the Le Roi people treat their own ores and the other mines of Rossland continue to be along in their wedge.

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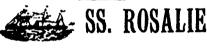
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Dividends paid to date are as follows; Lo Roi, \$175,000; War Eagle, \$217,500; Rambler-Cariboo, \$40,000; heed, \$450,000; Slocan Star, \$550,000; Cariboo, \$450,000.

It is estimated that the profits of the mines subjoined have returned the sums placed opposite their respective names:

Payno,	\$250,000	Goodenough,\$5,000
Idaho	152, 00	Noble Five 50,000
Poorman		Northern Belle., 20000
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Whitewater		Surprise, 20,000
Washington .	20,000 25, 00	Monitor 15,000
Slocan Boy.,	20, (0)	Last Chance 50,000

### A SHOAL BAY PURCHASE.

The Gold Fields of British Columbia, Limited, has bought the business of the Shoat Bay Trading Co., lately owned by Mr. P. N. Smith, together with an hotel, store and small townsite of 160 acres, on which a mining hamlet to be known as Thurlow will be built, and probably in time attract a modest working population. The company will build a new hotel, converting the present premises into a store. The company is also about to let contracts for 750 feet of tunnelling on the Shoal Bay claims that it owns, and as it is well capitalised its efforts should shortly tend to reveal the true worth of the Shoal Bay deposits in general, of the high value of which the respective owners are very confident, though as yet shipments have been merely test ones of modest dimensions.

### TO THE POINT.

The New Denver Ledge says:

"The history of the last legislature of British Columbia should be a warning to every miner to gird up his loins for a contest that shall lay cheap Asiatic labor in its final sleep, and among a hundred other legalised abuses, who out the present law by which incorporated companies can get fifty mile claims on the banks of auriferous streams on which only Chinese labor need be employed."

But after all, the Japanese immigrant is the more to be feared, for he will when of low caste work for very small living here the remuneration of the white worker, whilst he has as one of his hopes, ever before him, the idea of largely dominating politically the destinles of western lands, so soon as ever he finds blunself and his fellow country men therein settled in sufficing numbers. The Orientalisation of our population is assuredly a great present danger of B. C., and as to this there is far more risk from initative Japan than from "stand off" China. And Japan can easily spare several millions of its overcrowded, long worked and underpaid lower class laboring population.

### A POPULAR OFFICIAL.

[Communicated.]

It is with regret we learn that Mr. Arthur Noel has resigned his position of sub-manager and foreman at the Golden Cache mines. Mr. Noel was one of the original locators of the mine, and such was his faith in the ultimate value of the property that he applied and obtained the position of foreman and sub-manager, which he has held for the last 18 months, it being his great ambition to stay with the enterprise until its value and richness were proven. This is now accomplished. The quartz mill will be in operation the early part of next month and the returns promise to be immensely rich. Mr. Noel leaves with the regrets of the President and officials of the company, and also that of every man emploved in the mine. His straightforward principles and courteous manner have made all who came in contact with him stannch friends. Mr. Noel intends mak ing Lillooet his headquarters, he being largely interested in properties on the Creek, to which hitherto he has been unable to give his personal attention. He also intends conducting a general mining business, for which his practical experience and knowledge of the country admurably fit him. He has the best wishes of the entire community for his success Mr. Gilmour succeeds Mr. Noel at the

Lillooet, B.C., August 21st, 1897.

### THE PAYNE.

This well known and productive mine is stated to have the largest continuous chute in the world of high grade silver ore, one tunnel being now run 756 feet in ore. The ore body is in places four feet thick and the Payne's owners are very jubilant over their prospects.

### ROSSLAND'S SHIPMENTS.

Rossland's shipments were last week rather better again. The Le Roi as usual came first with an aggregate of 1550 tons, the Columbia & Kootenay and Centre Star each following with 150 tons, the Iron Mask with 45 and the Cliff with 40 tons. Total for the week, 1890 tons.

### WHAT SANDON SAYS.

The principal mine owners of Sandon, Siocan's leading centre, aver that though they naturally regret the continued fall in silver, their mines are sufficiently productive of very rich silver ore to show sufficient working profit, even though

# THE STORY OF THE OLD WAR EAGLE CO.

This the Spekane Spokesman Review describes interestingly as follows:

"The old War Eagle company will pay us last dividend in a few days. The War Eagle, it will be recalled, sold its ; mine to a Canadian syndicate and afterwards disincorporated. Treasurer Lucas was at work yesterday calculating the value of the remaining assets, and said that there would be about \$22,500 to be distributed among the former shareholders. This would give a 41% per cent dividend. Since the mine was sold for \$700,000 it has paid a dividend of six cents a share, or \$30,000. There are 500,000 shares of the stock, so that when the final dividend has been paid the owners will have received a trifle more than \$1.50 a share as the proceeds of the sale. Prior to the sale the mine had paid \$187,500 in dividedds. So, all told, the War Eagle mine has returned its owners spio.coo. This, for an expendingre of about \$30,000, is not bad, being a little more than 31 for 1. But the original owners did better than that. The origmal War Eagle Company owned the War Eagle, the Iron Mask, the Virginia and the Poorman. The big company was cut un into four companies and the stockholders in the original company received shares in each of the new companies equal in number to their holdings of original War Eagle stock. Thus the owner of 25,000 shares of War Eagle stock received in addition to these shares. 25,000 shares in the Iron Mask, 25,000 in the Virginia and 25,000 in the Poorman. At one time Iron Mask sold briskly at about 75 cents, and some shares were sold as high as 85 cents. Virginia sold for 20 and Peorman for 12 to 14. So original owners who sold at these figures received more than \$2.50 per share for their original holding. Mining men just down from Rossland report that the War Eagle and the Iron Mask are showing up well under develo, nent. It is said the owners of the War Eagle intend to push development work for two years before trying to pay dividends, and that they expect then to enter upon a long period of dividend paying."

As to the final statement, it may be added that it should be received for what it is worth, so frequent are the changes of opinion and policy on the part of the War Eagle's present owners.

### SPOKEN AT KASLO.

Senator Turner, of the Le Rol mine, has been delivering himself at Kaslo in the following interesting strain:

"The reasons for locating the Le Roi smelter at Northport are several, the leading ones being cheapness and the close proximity to large bodies of limestone rock, an abundance of water at the control of the Company and the cheap freight rates over the Red Moun-

Heinze had not made as good an offer on freight rates, he answered, "Yes, when be thought he was forced to it. But we don't care to be at his mercy in such matters. He has already made us a reduction from \$11 to \$8,50 per ton for freight and smelter treatment, and we may give him enough at that figure to keep his Trail smelter running." When asked what his Company would do if the Canadian Government should put practically a prohibitive export dety on ore. he replied: "Well, we have thought of all that, and concluded that if we couldn't run the Northport Smelter on Le Roi ore, we could conduct it as a customs smelter on American ores. The fact is, Northport is such a good smelter point that I hardly wish it were this side of the fine. If they compet us to do so, we may run two smelters, one somewhere this side of the line, and rely upon Stevens County and Reservation ores to supply our Northport smelter."

The Secator is very patronising towards his friend Heinze, and it is interesting to note has an eye to very possible future action on the part of the Dominion Government.

### THE COTTONWOOD RIVER ALLU-VIAL GOLD MINING CO., LT'D.

This Company, of which Mr. C. Tetlev. of Vancouver, is the business representative in B. C., finds its original capitalisation of £65,000 inadequate, and proposes a increase it to £80,000 by the issue of 15,000 preference shares of £1 each, on which, however, only two shillings and sixpence will be called up on application and other two shillings and sixpence, as a second instalment, on allotment, further calls being made as the money is required. The work of the company will in future be more concentrated, some of the outlying leased claims being surrendered, the remainder affording, it is stated, ample scope for all the company's possibilities of effort.

### GOOD NEWS FOR B. C.

It is stated on good authority that the Hall mines, Limited, will ere the close of September have earned and naid a satisfactory first dividend. This, we sincerely hope, will prove well founded, as the success of this undertaking will greatly encourage the investment of British capital in large amounts on similarly combined mining, smelting and refining undertakings. The Hall Mines' smelter and refinery have turned out good work, that ought in return to be very substantially profitable, and as the company owns in addition the great and widely noted silver deposits of the Silver King group, the undertaking ought to prove a very great success.

### THE NEXT MOVE.

Some 2,800 people are reported to have been camping recently near Dyea and

in the neighboring passes. Many have since doubtless moved on a little, but others are arriving and probably an equally numerous host is still thereabouts. Meanwhile bad weather has come, heralding the early approach of the Yukon's stormy winter, and it is more than likely that within the next few weeks a big effort will be made by 1,400 or 1,500 disappointed gold seekers to return to coast cities for the winter. Only thus will many of the less hardy and more inexperienced save their lives.

### VANCOUVER TO THE FRONT.

The Messrs Oppenheimer Bros., wide awake enterprising business mon they are well known to be, deserve credit for the effort they have put fourth to capture a share of the Clondyke trade for Vancouver. They have already supplied a large portion of the outlits and. having obtained customs' papers made out in duplicate in due form, they enable purchasers to make their shipments to the gold fields without trouble or loss of time. They have spared neither time nor expense in making matters as easy as possible, thus averting complications which are imminent to those less acquainted with the customs laws and with the country in general. In every respect are they capable of fulfilling the requirements of parties leaving for the Clondyke, and as preparations are now under way by the U.S.S. Co. for placing on the route steamers with ample accommodation to make four trips per month from Vancouver, outfitters will find it highly to their advantage to deal with this well known firm.

Vancouver's position gives her an advantage over all other points for outfitting and preparing for shipment to the north. The route from here is about 200 miles shorter than from Victoria or Scattle, and it has the advantage of the water route as compared with inland and more eastern points. We commend these facts to the notice of all concerned and have no hesitation in saying that, notwithstanding efforts to delude and draw the travelling public to points of shipmont other than Vancouver, we would advise those intending to seek the rich gold fields of the north, to go by way of Vancouver and rely on Messrs. Oppenheimer Bros., who, being thoroughly experienced, do the best possible for parties purchasing outlits from them.

### CONTRASTING POLICIES.

Sir Louis II. Davis has, speaking as a Dominion Minister of State, advised Britons to be extremely cautious as to Clondyke investments and expeditions. Meanwhile Promier Turner and the Hon. C. E. Pooley, his President of the Council, have joined the Board as directors of a British-Clondyke prospecting Co., capitalised in £100,000. Special stress is in the companie's prospectus largely advertised in the London, Eng., daily press paid to the fact that on the Board is the Premier of B.C. Sir Charles Tupper, has icined the Board of seather.

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In accordance with your request I have inspected the Evergreen Mineral Claim, and herewith I hand my report: The country rock is chiefly diorite and granite at different places on the surface. Prospecting holes have been sunk showing a remarkably strong body of mineral bearing quartz within two permanent walls, the quartz body being 20 feet in width where it is cut by four feet of intrusive porphyry, then occurs another 15 feet of mineralized quartz. The vein is plainly traceable the full length of the cuam a distance of 1500 feet. The quartz on the surface is a decomposed rose color. In some places native gold is plainly seen. On trying it with a pan 1 found constituents for the surface is a decomposed rose color. In some places native gold is plainly seen. On trying it with a pan I found considerable free gold, it also showed quite rich in sulphurets but as depth is attained the gold is found in a pyritic iron, increasing in value very rapidly, assaying from \$17.00 to \$220. One assay running as high as \$380.00, but this was taken from a place showing a thoroughy decomposed mass and was more or less concentrated. The course of the vein is northeast by southwest and from the work at present done appears nearly vertical. I believe this to be a true fissure vein, cut the same as it for the formation of an angle of 15 degrees and would examine that a short her does, the formation at an angle of 45 degrees and would recommend that a shaft be sunk on the foot wall for a distance of 300 feet and the ledge crosscut at each 100 such the foot wanter a distance of 300 feet and the ledge crossent at each 100 feet in depth when enormous quantities of good paying ore will be opened up which, with the facilities for shipping, will make this property a good dividend-payer. I find plenty of good timber and water in abundance for mining purposes, with the close proximity of the great water power of the Kootenay falls, making this a desirable place for the erection of large smelting works. In conclusion, I am glad to state that during my experience in mining, I have met with few properties that show such strong indications of a brilliant future."

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