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A LIVELY SECTION

Work Is Being Pushed on the C. & W. Extension.

GLADSTONE IS GROWING

Mike Shick, the Rossland Prospector, Has Struck It Rich in the Burnt Basin—Ore That Assays from \$490 to \$5,000 to the Ton.

GLADSTONE, B. C., Sept. 11.—[Special.]—Although still lingering in the lap of summer, autumn's tints are becoming visible along the valley of McRea creek. The nights so delightfully cool up here, serve as an antidote for the few hot hours endured during the middle of the day, and the railway contractors are taking advantage of the excellent climatic and reasonable conditions by pushing work with vim. Gladstone is fast taking form and promise to be before long quite equal to any of the boom camps in the west. The wagon road has been completed from Brooklyn to Christina lake, and is already a very busy thoroughfare, hundreds of pedestrians and dozens of big freight wagons leaving Brooklyn for points along the line of railway construction every day. Gladstone has only one hotel yet, a large two-story log building, presided over by John Dorsey, an agreeable landlord, and as might be expected the hotel is doing a rushing business, it being the only stopping place between Christina City and Brooklyn. The third general store will be opened in about two weeks, the different proprietors being Samuel McMornd, J. Fox, and Messrs. Grant Bros. Then there is a bakery running, a restaurant being built and business men are coming in from different points and looking the situation over with a view of opening up. A sawmill is now on the road from Brooklyn and before long there will be sawed lumber to take the place of the logs which are now being used for all kinds of building purposes.

This town and the district needs better postal facilities and an application has been made to the postmaster-general urging the establishment of an office at Gladstone, with W. Forrest, J. P., as postmaster. Postoffices are likely to be established also at Christina City and at Brooklyn, and a regular mail route run between Brooklyn and the Boundary country. Postoffice Inspector Fletcher has been in the district recently investigating the matter and the postoffice for the new mail route and postoffice is bright.

Provincial Constable Dinsmore of Grand Forks, was in Gladstone this week attending to duties in connection with the attorney-general's department. A strong effort will be made to suppress the illegal sale of liquor along this line of travel, and the "blind pigs," already being a nuisance, are likely to be exterminated. With such a large floating population Mr. Dinsmore finds it is impossible for one man to attend to his duties in the district, and will recommend the immediate appointment of two assistants, one to have headquarters at Cascade City and the other at Gladstone. Fred Atkins, now stationed at Fairview, will probably receive the Cascade City appointment.

Two large railway camps have been established on the Gladstone townsite in the tanderloin district, and South Douglas alley of Rossland fame is going to have a worthy rival, as the line is being pushed steadily on to completion at least as far as Midway.

As regards mining matters, interest in Burnt Basin is increased rapidly, and Adams Cameron and James Dixon, two of the Gladstone promoters, are now engaged in the work of building a trail which will connect Gladstone direct with the very heart of the Burnt Basin. The trail will be about three miles in length, and will facilitate travel into this new mining Eldorado. There has been more or less speculation in Rossland and Spokane as to the extent of the sensational discoveries made in the Burnt Basin by Michael Shick, the well known prospector. Your correspondent took advantage of an opportunity one day this week to visit these claims, along with Mr. Shick and a mining man from Rossland. The property in question consists of two claims—the Mother Lode group, comprising the Mother Lode, Ajax and Daly, and the Snowdrift group, which includes the Unexpected, Jackson and Snowdrift. There has been no heavy work done on these claims, Mr. Shick having spent the season of last year in stripping the leads and crosscutting the ore bodies. On the Mother Lode group there are six leads, all cutting the formation and lying in porphyry and serpentine, the contact on micaceous granite. At the south end of the Mother Lode near the discovery post is the showing from which so many fine gold samples have been taken. These leads vary in width from four to twelve feet and if the assayers are to be relied upon, all give good values ranging from \$400 to \$5,000 in gold to the ton. While some of this quartz is of the free milling variety, it is the opinion of many of the two leads will gradually run to base ore.

The leads on the Unexpected and Snowdrift are of a different character, showing iron and copper pyrites, both lying in a similar formation. Richard Cooper has returned to Rossland, having completed assessment work on a group of claims. This property is looking fine, he having exposed several nice chutes of galena and copper. The John Bull and Marinet on McRea creek have not changed hands yet, and will probably begin development work themselves. They believe the property is worth more than \$40,000. T. H. Read of Rossland, is doing assessment work on the Tammany group, which adjoins the Mother Lode group.

THE IRON MASK DEAL.

It Looks as Though Matters Were Reaching a Focus.

It looks now as if the Iron Mask deal were very nearly reaching a focus. The last number of the Provincial Gazette, which arrived last night, contains the formal notice that a meeting of the shareholders in the Iron Mask company will be held at the office in this city on Tuesday, October 11, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The notice, which is signed by the secretary of the company, F. Herrick, contains the announcement that the meeting is called in accordance with the orders of the Iron Mask board of trustees. Its object, so the statutory notice says, is "for the purpose of authorizing the sale of the Iron Mask Mineral claim and other property of the company." As the notice is dated August 30 it is evident that things have been reaching a climax for the past two weeks, and that the company officials are getting ready to put the property in shape to be sold at any time. It is generally understood, of course, that the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate, which recently acquired the Centre Star, the adjoining claim, for \$2,000,000 cash, is the prospective buyer of the Iron Mask. T. G. Blackstock, who is in the city, was seen last night at the Hotel Allan by a Miner reporter relative to the matter. He declined any knowledge of the fact that a meeting had been called by the Iron Mask people to sell the property, and he could not understand, he said, why such a meeting should be gazetted. Certainly it was not to consider any offer that his syndicate had made. While he had been negotiating for the property, yet up to present time the idea of the syndicate and those of the Iron Mask officials had been too far apart as to the value of the mine.

S. W. Hall, superintendent of the property, who was also seen last night regarding the matter, was equally uncommunicative and denied any knowledge of the fact that the meeting had been called, as announced in the Gazette.

The control of the Iron Mask stock, which represents a large proportion of the capitalization, is very close, and is held by J. F. Herrick, Austin Corbin II and E. G. Roberts. The Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate has an option on the control, at a price which is understood to be about \$1 per share. The syndicate, however, has not yet completed its examination of the property, and has not come to any definite conclusions regarding what course it will pursue as to the purchase of the mine. It is quite possible that although the meeting of the Iron Mask company is called for the 11th of next month, no definite action will be taken at that time as the prospective buyers may not be in a position to make any definite offer. On that occasion no harm will have been done however, by calling the meeting for the 11th, for if necessary an adjournment can be taken until such a future time as is convenient.

THE IRON HORSE.

Its Purchasers Are Among the Solid Men of Toronto and Montreal.

It has developed that the syndicate which has acquired the Iron Horse mine which adjoins the Virginia bonanza is not headed by Messrs. Hart and Hosmer, just who comprise those who are interested remains a secret but sufficient has leaked out to prove that the principal stockholders include several of the wealthiest men of Toronto and Montreal and among the number are some who are already largely interested in Rossland. The experts who reported the property prior to the deal, and those who negotiated it are also Rossland men, and they have also become interested in the property to a considerable extent.

The management states that it has ample funds placed at its command to proceed with the work of developing the property on an extensive scale. The property is now being overlooked in order to determine the best place in which to commence operations. The plant which soon be placed in order and within the next few days work will be commenced. There is considerable ore already uncovered and it will not be long before the property will be on a first class basis.

THE RISING SUN.

Some High Grade Ore Found in the Property.

Edward Cole is in town from the Ymir country, bringing with him some very good looking samples from the Rising Sun group near the well known Porto Rico. The group comprises the Spotted Horse, the Rising Sun and the Rising Star, and is owned by Mr. Cole and Mr. Chaffee. The Rising Star is located about 1,000 feet below the Porto Rico stamp mill, and the other claims are all close at hand. A shaft down 30 feet on the Rising Star has disclosed three feet of spar and arsenical iron, between excellent walls, defined by an inch streak of iron oxides. Considerable spar was shown as the shaft went down, but the miners threw it over the dump with the waste until several days ago, an assay made with the result that the presumpable value returned \$50.80 in gold. It is not going over the dump now.

On another property, the Rising Sun, the shaft shows about 20 inches of arsenical iron and copper with iron sulfide. The oxides when panned showed some 20 ounces in free gold and on the hanging wall the quartz shows visible free gold, but Mr. Cole thinks that the lead will eventually become a copper proposition. Samples of the ore can be seen in the window of THE MINER office.

Centre Star Has Two Owners.

"It will be some time before the Centre Star is floated as a corporation," said T. G. Blackstock, one of the recent purchasers who secured the property for \$2,000,000 cash, last evening. "Meanwhile it will undergo extensive development to put it thoroughly in shape. I cannot say yet what the capital of the new company will be, but the figure will probably be announced in a few days. Until the new company is organized and takes over the property all title to it is vested exclusively in Mr. Gooderham and myself."

FROM OTHER CAMPS

The Nelson Division the Scene of Considerable Activity.

SANDON REGION ALIVE

There Are 1,000 Men Employed Within a Small Radius of That Town—Several Hundred Men Employed in the Vicinity of Greenwood.

To the miner looking for work there is no section on the continent that offers better advantages than the Kootenay and Yale districts. The Sandon paper declares that there are 1,000 men employed in that vicinity and around Greenwood there are several hundred. The other camps, including Rossland, furnish employment to thousands of men. In order that these employes may be paid there must be an output or a hope of output of ore from the mines, and further it is certain that the demand for miners and other workers will grow to large proportions. The news of the several camps this week is of an interesting nature. Appended is the weekly summary.

NELSON DIVISION.

There are at the present time 18 men working on the Dundee concentrator, and it is supposed that the plant will be completed and ready for use within a month or six weeks.

Over 100 men are at present employed at the Ymir mine and mill site. There are also over 85 men employed at the Porto Rico mine.

August Johnson of Nelson, has taken a contract from Wilson Bros. to sink a shaft on the Canadian Belle. Day and night shifts have been employed.

Louis Herman of Kalo, has taken a contract to sink 100 feet on the Inouquois mine, on Hidden creek.

The reports from the Rover creek placer grounds, near Nelson, are said to be greatly exaggerated. Hundreds of people have rushed there and the country is pretty well staked.

Walter Blanchfield and George Walker have returned to Ymir from Sixteen Mile creek, where they have been driving a 35-foot tunnel on the Cariboo Sixteen Mile and Midge creeks are fast coming to the front with good showings.

E. L. Page and Dave Grobe have been doing considerable work on the Independence on Wild Horse creek. Assays as high as \$125 in gold to the ton have been received from this property. The ledge on the Independence is five feet wide, and the value of the ore increases with depth.

E. Croteau was in Ymir from the Dumas last week. Work is being pushed on the tunnel at the 100-foot level. A shaft has been run in the hanging wall and another ledge five wide has been found, making it a double contact mine. They are taking very fine mineral from the drift now.

The boarding and bunk houses are completed at the mine site and now the men have commodious quarters.

SLOCAN DIVISION.

A. J. Marks has shipped 300 sacks of high grade galena from the California, which will go to Aurora, Illinois. At the end of the month 300 sacks more will follow, making a total of 600 tons in all. On Thursday another strike was made on this property in the new workings commenced above the main tunnel. The ore was struck at 40 feet from the surface and is six inches in width, solid and high grade. This makes four openings now with good ore in sight.

The Bozen group, adjoining the town and recently acquired by the Sandiford syndicate, shipped a carload of ore to Aurora, Illinois, on Thursday. A large force of men will be kept employed on this property and regular shipments made.

All the mines around New Denver are preparing for large forces this winter. Twelve hundred men will be working around Sandon this winter, with about 400 more in the Alamo basin. Four Mile and Ten Mile will also have big forces working.

W. H. Sandiford has secured control of the Condon, Baltimore Fraction, Iron Mask and Spar, a Four Mile group. He will develop the properties and should they pan out favorably, will buy for cash or bond. Charles S. Rashdall, A. E. Fauquier and Edward Stewart are the owners of the interest secured—three fourths.

A late find of great importance is reported from the head of Davis creek in the Slocan. Sample assays run high. Some galena appears in the lead which assayed 60 ounces in silver. A picked sample ran \$3,102 in free milling gold, over 2,000 feet gave \$26.40 in gold. The property is known as the Edris group, consisting of five claims, located August 13, and is owned by H. B. Richardson, R. Pollock, R. J. Stinson and James Latham.

It is estimated that there are over 1,000 men now working in the mines within five miles of Sandon. Representatives of New York and Boston capital are in the Slocan looking for properties.

Assays from ore taken from the White Sparrow and Torpedo group, give 75 ounces silver, \$49 in gold with a good percentage of copper.

Frank L. Byron has made an assay strike on the Bristol claim in the Conger group, in which he purchased a two-group, in which there is a large vein of which there is a paystreak of very rich gold ore which gives a fabulous assay. As there is considerable of this

rich ore something in the way of a sensational shipment from the Congo may be expected. Byron's luck with the Congo is the talk of Silverton.

Two new tunnels have been started on the Mand E. and Works Fair of the Nelson Five group. The new work is on the main lead, which this year has been uncovered a distance of about 2,000 feet, on the west side of the mountain. Zinc ores are wanted by a London syndicate which has recently taken up a new process of treating them, and the Kootenay reports that Arthur Brown, F. G. S., of London, is there for the purpose of examining and purchasing a large quantity of such ore for treatment at this company's works in England.

The rich gold strike on Eight Mile creek, about five miles from the lake shore, continues to be the interesting theme of conversation. Samples of the ore were brought into town this week. It is a mighty fine stuff, and is reported there is plenty of it. The ledge is about 18 inches in thickness and lies between walls of granite. Work is being pushed on the property, with most favorable results.

It is now the plan of the St. Keverne Mining company to reorganize in such a way as to insure the permanent working of the property. It is proposed to give John A. Finch a \$20,000 bond on the property, running 18 months. The plan provides a working capital of \$30,000 during the life of the bond. Mr. Finch, it is understood, stands ready to take the place of any stockholder who falls out, so that the success of the plan is practically assured. The scheme comes up to be ratified by the stockholders at a special general meeting on September 14. Sydney Norman will, in all probability, have charge of the property for Mr. Finch, with headquarters at Sandon. He will be advised as to the general plan of work by George Aylard, superintendent of the Enterprise and the New Denver, owned by Finch & Campbell.

Lemon creek has some good placer diggings.

Dayton No. 2 is coming up well as work progresses.

The North Belle, in the Jackson basin, has 80 men at work, and its new concentrator will be operation next month.

It is understood Mr. Sandiford has thrown up his bond on the Mollie Hughes. He wanted more time and the owners refused to give it.

They are reporting an admixture of iron in some of the ore at the Adams group. This is considered a most favorable indication by many.

The Rambler, near McGuigan, shipped one car of ore last month and one so far this. The Antoine did the same thing, and both will ship regularly from this out.

The Miller group, near the Wonderful, is showing up so well that many think it possesses the lead from which the Wonderful heat ore has drifted. A few weeks ago they struck a three-foot body of clean ore by running in a 100-foot tunnel, and are now engaged in stopping and running the ore for shipment. It is the intention of the manager, Mr. Davis, to drive in another tunnel lower down than the present workings.

THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

According to the Boundary Creek Times there are several hundred men working in Greenwood camp. The second payment has been made by Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann on account of the Boundary bond.

Fred Oliver of Rossland, has put ten men to work on the properties recently bonded by him from the Boundary Creek Mining & Milling company. These properties are in the vicinity of Greenwood and he is very confident that the money spent in development will prove to be a good investment.

The work of lining the machinery on the Mother Lode in Deadwood camp is progressing as well as could be expected under the circumstances. The hoist is now in place and the large boilers are being covered in. While the work of putting the machinery in going on, the main shaft, which is six inches larger than the Le Roi, is being timbered.

Frank C. Loring of Spokane, and Fred Oliver of Rossland, passed through Grand Forks last week on their way to Greenwood. Loring is largely interested in the Morrison claim in Deadwood camp, which is owned by a Spokane syndicate. There is a large lead of gold-copper ore and the shaft in which they are now working has eight feet of solid ore in the bottom.

Work is still being pushed rapidly ahead on the tunnel on the Humming Bird claim and with a foot of ore noticed in the character of the ore produced from this well-known property. Good progress has been made in the past few weeks on the tunnel which is now 12 feet under cover after having about 18 feet of open cut to run to get the necessary face. Almost solid ore is being encountered and there is now on the dump between 60 and 70 tons of mineral which would stand shipment if railway transportation was available. An open cut is said to run very close in the neighborhood of \$30 in all values, which would insure the future of the property even were no improvement noticeable in the ore body.

REVELSTOCK AND TROUT LAKE.

The road to Ten Mile from Trout Lake has been completed.

Hugh McPherson has taken charge of the work being prosecuted on the Ethel. Regular shipments will be made from the property.

Six inches of clean ore is showing on the Climax, with about three feet of good concentrating ore. The clean ore runs 50 ounces silver, 75 per cent lead and \$4 gold to the ton.

George Land of Revelstock, has been offered \$50 for one small sample of ore he brought down from the O. K., in the Ground Hog Basin, last week. The pure gold is holding the milky-white quartz together, so rich is it.

T. Brewster of the Carnes Creek Consolidated Mining company, operating on the Rosebery, on Carnes creek, says that the company intended to make a trial shipment of 10 tons, probably to the Hall Mines smelter at Nelson, this month. If they cannot secure pack horses they will try and arrange with T. Horn to bring the ore down in his boat.

Mr. Brewster thinks that even after an expenditure of \$40 per ton in getting the ore to a smelter they will have a return of \$60 per ton, which means an average \$100 ore—a most remarkable value. This shipment will convince outsiders of the value of the Big Bend ore, and will result in the ready sale of all the available Carnes Creek Consolidated stock. This company intends putting in a plant for the treatment of their ore as soon as possible.

THE STOCK MARKET

Toronto Fair Cuts Down the Volume of Business.

DEER PARKS ARE LIVELY

A Large Block of Tamaracs Sold—Big Demand For Iron Horses—Iron Masks Are Rising—Monte Christos Again Moving.

The stock market was a shade dull during the seven days ending last night. One of the causes of this was the fact that the Toronto exhibition is in progress. The attendance at this exhibition is about 80,000 per day, and as a result the residents of Toronto have to a considerable extent given up business and for the nonce are paying but little attention to the stock market. The same attention is being attracted from the stock market, and notwithstanding these drawbacks there was considerable business transacted. The enormous shipments for the week ending September 10, give great confidence to local shareholders in the standard stocks.

This was notably the case with Deer Parks, which were free movers during the week. The steam compressor plant for operating seven machine drills is almost ready to commence the carefully planned development that will henceforth take place. All the work hitherto has been done by hand, and it has been deemed inexpedient to sink to great depth and crosscut the immense ore reserves that are already exposed until steam power could be introduced. The ore chutes of the north and south vein will be crossed with as little delay as possible, not only to block out ore ready for shipment to the smelter, but to determine the width of the ledge, which is present is known to be more than 40 feet across and all in solid ore. The other ledge, which was recently discovered and which is 25 feet wide on the surface, will also be developed as rapidly as possible at the point where the shaft is now being sunk. The values in this second vein are rapidly improving and give every indication of eventually equaling the high values in the deepest workings of the north and south veins. Since Superintendent Ireagar, of the Le Roi, pronounced the Deer Park to be a mine and possessed of a much better showing than had the Le Roi for the same amount of development, public interest in the property has greatly increased and the stock has remained firm. Local brokers, to a man are recommending Deer Parks as an investment, and it is more than likely that these shares will take a sudden rise before regular shipments commence next fall.

Among the large transactions of the week was the sale of 325,000 shares of Tamaracs, which is the remainder of the treasury. The intention is to use the money so derived in pushing the development of the mine both east and west at the 200-foot level.

Fairmonts (Ymir) have been free sellers, and nearly all of the first block of 125,000 shares have been disposed of.

White Bears have been free movers at from 7 1/2 to 8 cents. The recent strike in the shaft of the White Bear at a depth of 230 feet is an important one, and this has caused the increased demand for the shares.

Virginia sold during the week at from 7 1/2 to 7 3/4 cents, and it seems certain that they will not go much lower than they are at present.

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Lerwick's sell occasionally at 20 cents per share. The Elise which is the property of the company is operating, is looking first rate. Negotiations for the sale of 100,000 shares are in progress and if the deal goes through the money will be put into a compressor plant and the shaft sunk to a depth of 400 feet. In the meantime the drifting will be proceeded with as soon as the upraise is completed.

Have Purchased a Plant.

Frank Mendall representing the Canadian Rand Drill company and the Jencks Machine works, has sold to the Green Mountain syndicate a complete new plant for its property on the north slope of Red Mountain. The equipment included a 25-horse power boiler, with a steam hoist and a sinking pump. The rapid development of the property made a power plant a necessity.

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CENTRE STAR DEAL

Blackstock Took Possession of the Mine Friday.

A BOTTLE OF WINE BROKEN

In the Evening Oliver Durant Gave a Banquet to Fifty of His Friends at Which Many Bumpers of Champagne Were Quaffed.

Friday afternoon a few friends of Messrs. Oliver Durant and T. G. Blackstock assembled at the Centre Star mine to witness the formal transfer of the property from the Centre Star Mining company to the Goodaleham-Blackstock syndicate.

The most interesting ceremony was yet to be performed. An ancient custom, having its origin in Cornwall, and in vogue today in the mining camps of the United States was carried out.

THE BANQUET

Mr. Durant Entertains Some Fifty of His Friends at the Allan.

Last Friday Oliver Durant, late general manager of the Centre Star, gave a banquet in the Allan house, to about 50 of his Rossland friends.

Oliver Durant, the honored host of the occasion, spoke briefly and called upon Mr. Blackstock to read a glowing tribute to the sterling qualities of the host.

Hon. C. H. Mackintosh was called on by Mr. Blackstock to respond to the toast of the Rossland camp.

Hector McKee was then called upon to render a vocal selection and after singing "Miss Brady's Carriage, Drill," which evoked a most vociferous applause.

Edwin Durant of the B. A. C., proposed the toast, "Our American Cousins," and coupled with it the name of General C. S. Warren.

Hon. T. Mayne Daly then proposed the health of the host of the evening. He said that it afforded him the greatest pleasure to do Mr. Durant honor.

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IT'S A GREAT STRIKE

Nine Feet of Pay Ore Found in the Columbia-Kootenay.

THE ASSAYS RUN HIGH

The Vein is Over 14 Feet in Width—The Ore From the New Find in the White Bear Assays \$46 to the Ton Mining Notes.

One of the most important strikes ever made in the camp has just been entered in the Columbia-Kootenay mine. The discovery was made in No. 4 tunnel, 380 feet from the mouth and 200 feet from the surface.

No. 5 tunnel, which is being driven 150 feet further down the hill, is making rapid progress. Three machines are working in the face.

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THE VIRGINIA

It is to be reincorporated as a Provincial Company. Geo. Pfunder, Jas. Hunter and Thos. Corsan returned Friday from Spokane.

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The new board will at once carry out a policy of vigorous development on the leased properties, and with this end in view a large force of men will be put to work immediately.

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A RUSH The Big Bend to the HIGH GRAD A Section Where... (There will be and capitalists in Revelstoke next that in Rossland mining man who a visit to that see he continued, "But in those days attraction. Pros Bend country by pass from Shuswa ery of rich place Smith and McCul lot of the digge what the excit Steamer plied or river between K lake, and at one that there were gaged in place m It is not that millions were tak but it was then, cult to get a corre amount of gold in from any place \$10 a Da from the Dalles as far as the foot supplies for the on a sledge, th anyone on her stopped in the B ceased to pay more successful selves to New S than then the district in the quieted down to Cleaned Up "But Big Bar tiredly deserted the Consolidation work for many cess. Hydraulic on Goldstream, S places, and ind made good pay of fortunate diggers and Angus Bead eral thousand g ground at Gold ago. Free M Several finds had been report Culloch creek, are were staked by but very little previous to the of 1894-5. Silver- "Two or three Revelstoke bega that Big Bend was mining sections a lode mining of ore and there several good clai was found in sev such high grade ported from the districts. At L Lee Lan properties had tory manner for properties were pany of capitali up in North Koo the w. "At the head flows into the north of Revel other claims no the Waverley ceeding rich, an be made this co rhawding to the way. It is 20 Le and headm at that. It is road will be o grade of Downi river, where it a steamer fr the head of t four, I believe in view of this plished fact, th completed a way to the head of t Gold-Coa "It is only re discovery has b Bend bounds, saw ore brought Keystone mo Ground Hog Ba the Big Bend th appearance to th War Eagle, S creek, Keystone creek was exce of course all r assay high, esp Mine F "Grand Hay ous Orphan Bo was told up the of claims that a the Orphan al claim averaged majority of clai Keystone mo richest looking but the assay d ness. It was and bronzed. feet wide and whole of that w at a depth of o no doubt the g get gold instea "A Carna "But it is to attention of the directed. The ing company h on their seven and have some dumps. They and the latest ne. Harvey Pellow Harve returned \$230

A RUSH IS CERTAIN

The Big Bend Country Is Coming to the Front.

HIGH GRADE PROPERTIES

A Section Where Silver-Lead is Plentiful and Gold-Copper Ore Abounds—A Bonanza in Carnes Creek—A Rich but Narrow Vein.

"There will be a rush of mining men and capitalists into the Big Bend above Revelstoke next year, almost as great as that in Rossland in 1895-96," said a mining man who had just returned from a visit to that section.

"The upper tunnel is in 120 feet, and a 26-foot crosscut has shown up some beautiful ore. One hundred feet below this tunnel another has been driven 117 feet and the lode crossed.

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THE MINING REVIEW

Ore Shipments For the Week Beat All Records.

TOTAL WAS 3,374 TONS

Le Roi Working Five Machines Ahead in the West Drift at the 700-Foot Level—Good Ore in the Alberta—The Iron Horse.

Again the ore shipments from the Rossland camp have gone soaring into the clouds, and the record for the past week completely outstrips any record ever before made in the Dominion of Canada.

All in all, the product of the Rossland mines for the seven days just ended was the enormous total of 3,374 tons.

The greatest previous record ever made in the camp was for the week ended July 30, when the output was 3,050 tons, but even that figure is completely dwarfed by the product of the mines last week.

There were four shippers in the list, the War Eagle, the Le Roi, the Iron Mask and the Giant. The War Eagle contributed 1,565 tons, which was some above its regular average.

The Iron Mask also surpassed itself, and is credited with 130 tons to the good. The Le Roi only resumed shipments on a heavy scale during the latter part of the week, when the injunction limiting the output of the mine to 100 tons daily was removed.

During the few days it was on the above list, the mine succeeded in putting 1,635 tons without any effort. From now, on unless unforeseen legal complications prevent, the mine will ship regularly 350 tons day, or nearly 2,500 tons per week.

With the splendid addition to the tonnage of the camp, it is difficult to say what the output of the district will be by the first of January.

One of the important features of the week was the sale to the Foster syndicate of the Iron Horse, which adjoins the Virginia on the east. Not only does the sale confirm the faith of the syndicate in the camp, but it also means the addition of another shipper to the prospect list.

With the resumption of operations on the Iron Horse, there will be almost a continuous chain of working properties extending from the White Bear, west of town, through the Bear, the Le Roi, the Centre Star, the Virginia, the Iron Horse, the Alberta, and the Columbia-Kootenay group.

The series of working properties thus extended will reach for nearly two miles and a half.

The strike on the Columbia-Kootenay was perhaps the most important find of the week, and the future development of the property will be watched with unusual interest.

Below are given the regular weekly reviews of the work of the district for the week of the camp.

Le Roi.—The Le Roi has had a habit lately of surpassing even itself, and it has again established a new record, this time in the west workings at the 700-foot level, where the ore body is now 28 feet wide, as clear as day.

The highest grade ever mined in the property, and runs heavily not only in gold, but in copper as well. At the face of the west 700-foot level, which is about 170 feet from the shaft, superior grades of ore are being exposed.

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company in order to obtain working capital, or to sell a portion to eastern or London capitalists. A few of the principal shareholders at once took over the treasury stock, and thus placed the company in possession of the necessary investing capital.

A new board has been elected of leading stockholders in Rossland and Toronto, and the company has now restarted on what there is no doubt will prove to be a most successful career.

GREYBIRD.—The shaft is now down about 200 feet, and the showing is very little changed. Some mineral continues to be met. The shaft is being sunk on a uniform angle, and no attempt will be made at crosscutting until depth is thoroughly prospected.

COMMANDER.—The shaft has been completely unwatered, and sinking work will probably be resumed Wednesday of this week.

WAR EAGLE.—The shipments last week were somewhat larger than usual and amounted to 1,565 tons, or the rate of more than 200 tons daily.

IRON HORSE.—This mine has been turned into an assessable camp, and a superintendent has been engaged who will take charge on Monday in order to recommence work.

DEER PARK.—The boiler is in place and the plant is being rapidly erected. Surface prospecting of the property is under way, and what is believed to be an entirely new lode has been encountered about 175 feet from the shaft house.

KEYSTONE.—Duncan McCormack, foreman of the Keystone arrived in town yesterday. He reports that work on the tunnel of that property is making excellent progress.

ALBERTA.—The showing was never so good as it is now. In the east drift there is about three feet of mixed ore, carrying arsenical iron and pyrrhotite in very appreciable quantities.

EVENING STAR.—Owing to difficulties in carrying on the development of the property there has been no particular machinery in the showing during the past week.

IRON MASK.—The property has increased in value materially and is now worth about 160 tons, or the rate of more than 200 tons daily.

NOVELTY.—Surface prospecting is in progress, preliminary to the resumption of active development. Ore in the west workings is showing very well mineralized iron ore, stained somewhat with copper.

ABE LINCOLN.—The shaft is down about 166 feet, and some stringers of ore continue to be met, although not in any large quantities.

SUNSET No. 2.—In the shaft the development work is going ahead along the regular lines.

VIRGINIA.—The south drift is being continued, but the ledge towards which it is driven has not yet been encountered.

MONTE CHRISTO.—Work is continuing along the usual lines.

GOOD HOPE.—In the shaft crosscutting is in progress.

JAMES MICHAEL WON. He Fairly Distanced Major Taylor, the Colored Rider.

New York, Sept. 10.—Jimmy Michael, the Welshman, met his erstwhile conqueror, "Major" Taylor, the colored rider, in a 20-mile unlimited paced race on the Manhattan beach bicycle track this afternoon and won in good style.

Michael, smarting under the defeat of two weeks ago by Taylor, in the best of his preparation, had a paced heats, and he prepared himself carefully for the contest. Taylor was clumsy in his picking up of the pace and lost it during the contest, which Michael's easy movement behind the pace won for him.

At the first lap Taylor gained 15 yards. At the end of the first mile the colored rider had gained 80 yards. His time was 1:46 1-5 and Michael's 1:50 2-5. In the last lap of the second mile Taylor lost his pace, and at the end of the second mile Michael had pulled down Taylor's advantage ten 10 yards.

The third mile Michael got on equal terms with Taylor, and at the end of the third mile he was ahead of Taylor by 20 yards, and soon gained 20 yards on his opponent, who had great difficulty in keeping up with the pace.

Michael and Taylor worked together and brought the rear of Taylor's wheel in the seventh mile and on the next lap Michael passed Taylor. Taylor was 20 yards ahead at the finish of the fifth mile, but when the next three miles were covered Michael led by 17 1-2 seconds and continued to increase the lead in each succeeding lap.

In the last lap Michael was two laps to the good, while Taylor did not think. The official verdict of the judges was that Michael won by a lap and a half and 110 yards, which fully calculated is about 1,000 yards.

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IRON HORSE DEAL

Montreal Syndicate Acquires 95 Per Cent of Its Stock.

IT WILL BE DEVELOPED

It Adjoins the Virginia on the East and is a Property of Merit—There is Also an Excellent Plant—New Officers Elected.

One by one the mining properties of the Rossland camp are falling into the hands of strong British or Canadian companies which are able to properly develop them.

The Iron Horse is the latest property to pass from American to Canadian hands. It is said that the purchase has been made by the Montreal syndicate, made up of Hosmer, Mackay and others, which has already invested so heavily in this camp.

This syndicate already controls the Monte Christo Consolidated and the Virginia Mining Companies, and its investments here have now become very large. They are not so great, however, but what it is willing to increase them, which is evidenced by the purchase now by it of the Iron Horse property.

The deal for the purchase of the Iron Horse property by the Montreal syndicate and their friends was practically closed yesterday. It had been in process of negotiation for the past six weeks and was put through principally through the efforts of George E. Plunder, who has given the matter almost his entire time and attention for the past month.

The syndicate has secured by purchase 95 per cent of the entire capital stock of the company. In other words it has purchased 950,000 shares out of a total of a million. A. E. Humphry, the largest shareholder of the Iron Horse company, has conducted the negotiations on behalf of his corporation. Mr. Humphry recently acquired control of the company and held 850,000 shares. The next largest shareholder, was J. D. Farrel, the mining promoter, who owned 85,000 shares. The remainder was held in small blocks here and there.

The purchasers are reticent as to the price paid, but it is said to be on the basis of over \$100,000 for the entire property.

The intention of the purchasers is to commence work on the property early next week. It contains the two veins that are in the Virginia, which run through the entire length of the property and are traceable by croppings on the surface. The plan of work has not yet been decided upon, but it is thought that a plan similar to that which was so successful on the Virginia will be followed.

A vertical shaft will be sunk for a distance of 300 feet, and then a drift will be run to tap the vein. The necessary funds for the purpose have already been arranged for.

The following officers for the company have already been elected by the new owners: E. Dempsey of Spokane, president; George E. Plunder of Rossland, secretary-treasurer, and George E. Plunder, general manager. These officers, with F. E. Lucas, constitute the board of directors.

The intention of the company's new purchasers is, as soon as possible, to incorporate as a Washington company and to reincorporate as a provincial company.

The Iron Horse Mining & Milling company was incorporated at Spokane, Wash., on February 8, 1895, with a capital stock of \$1,000,000, divided into 1,000,000 shares of \$1 each. There has been considerable work done on the property. There are two shafts, one of which is down 70 feet, and a tunnel of 100 feet, which workings have exposed a body of ore five feet wide, and of a good grade. There is a plant that consists of a 15-horse power hoist, a sinking pump and two slinger drills.

When the property was being operated power to drive the machinery came from the Columbia-Kootenay. It will not take long, however, to install a boiler or an electric motor, so that it will only be a short time before the machinery will again be in motion.

WARM TIME IS EXPECTED

Lands and Works Department Is to Be Investigated.

The Alleged Irregularities Are of Such Magnitude That a Royal Commission Is to Be Appointed.

VICTORIA, Sept. 10.—[Special.]—A political sensation, compared with which the recent disclosures contained in the published correspondence of the dismissal of the Turner government dwindles into insignificance, is about to startle the gossip-loving folk in British Columbia. Your correspondent learned today from a most authoritative source that the condition disclosed by an investigation by the new administration into the affairs of the lands and works department are such that the government has decided to ask for the appointment of a royal commission to inquire into the affairs of that department.

The announcement to this effect will probably be made on Monday. It was common report on the streets this afternoon that prominent officials in the lands and works department had confessed that were an investigation held the gravest irregularities would be unearthed. A warm time is expected.

START FOR HOME. Spanish Sailors Leave New York for Their Native Country.

New York, Sept. 10.—The steamship City of Rome, sailed at noon today for Portsmouth, N. H. She had on board 94 officers and men of Admiral Cervera's squadron. Some of these are so badly wounded that they will never reach their native land. There were in the throes of death when the vessel swung into the stream. At Portsmouth the City of Rome will take on board Admiral Cervera, his staff and 1,400 of the Spanish naval prisoners. Captain D. Victor Concha of the Infanta Maria Teresa, and Captain Eulate of the Victoria, are on board the City of Rome.

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Mrs. G. S. Armstrong, wife of Dr. Armstrong of Northport, is in the city visiting friends.

John McArthur, of the Stock Exchange, is in the Sisters' hospital suffering with typhoid fever.

Johann Wulfschlag, German consul at Vancouver, who was the last lap winner, was in the city for several days, left on Friday evening for his home.

McMillan is back from a trip through the Boundary country. He came in by the Dewdney trail from Cascade City, and he says that while the trail is in excellent shape from here to the western boundaries of the Trail Creek division, yet it is abominable from there into Cascade City.

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LABOR DAY SPORTS

Official Program for the Two Days' Celebration.

LARGE NUMBER OF EVENTS

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C. O. Barnes of this city, recently received a letter from a friend who went to Dawson City via the Taku route. He only reached his destination after encountering innumerable difficulties.

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