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THE ROSSLAND RAILROADS.

Both the Red Mountain and Columbia & Western railroads running into Rossland report very satisfactory increase in the volumes alike of freight and passenger travel. The Columbia & Western in particular claims an increase of nearly 50 per cent. in business during the last few weeks.

THE MOVIE PLACERS.

The Movie Placer Mining Co. of East Kootenay is about to work energetically this fall on its gold-bearing gravels at Moyle Creek, making a first cleanup next May. The interim expenses in connection chiefly with ditching and hydraulicking will amount to about \$3,000, and Mr. McVittie, the manager, expects as a result a big return when the cleanups of 1898 begin.

THE GOLDEN CACHE.

A letter from Superintendent Rivers, of the Golden Cache, dated Sept. 27th says that the mill has not yet been started up, the delay being caused by the tramway, which was not completed. Mr. Rivers, however, expected the tramway would be finished in a couple of days, and then he would immediately commence sending down ore. Messrs. Oldroyd, Mackinnon, Robertson and Munroe are still at the mine and will wait till the first crushing takes place.

THE HALL MINES, LIMITED.

The British Columbia Review, of London, Eng., thinks that the loss by this mine and smelting company of Mr. Paul Johnson's valuable services as manager is "not exactly good news to the shareholders." Doubtless the company has lost a good man in Mr. Johnson, but he seems to be replaced by a man who is also highly competent in Mr. Robert Hedley, who is working the blast furnace at the smelter to its fullest capacity, one considerably in excess of its nominal one. He has lately treated between 240 and 250 tons per diem.

CHANNE MINING COMPANY.

The Channe Mining Co., Ltd., is pushing development work day and night on its East Kootenay properties and the ore bodies now exposed are very promising. Several miners were sent from here this week on account of the scarcity of men in the Fort Steele section. G. W. Willis, the Company's superintendent, left on Tuesday's train to visit the mines and will remain several weeks to personally look after the work. The Channe Company is also opening up a very promising copper property on the coast, and judging from the fine samples of peacock copper ore in the Company's office the claim should

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CONCENTRATES.

A half interest has been sold in the Ida May claim in the Bridge River section of the Lillooet by Haymore & Gibson to the Messrs. McLaren, of Vancouver, for \$20,000.

Things are lively on the right of way at the Silver King mine near Nelson. Twenty men are burning charcoal for use in the smelter and over 3,000 cords of wood have been delivered at the mine.

F. C. Laird has struck rich gravel on Willow Creek near Barkerville. Figures are not obtainable, but it is known that the work done on the property assures a thorough success and that the gravel passed through lately is rich in gold.

On Hall Creek, near Nelson, properties are coming to the front under development work. On the Clipper a force of men is sinking a 50-foot shaft on the lead. Among other good properties may be mentioned the Bonny Dron, Lookout, Eugene and Purple Queen.

The sinking of the shaft on the Pretty Girl, on Horse Thief Creek near Golden, a distance of 15 feet, has shown a splendid body of ore. The assays of surface ore ran 32 ozs. in silver and 36 per cent. copper. The property is owned by W. G. Mitchell-Innes.

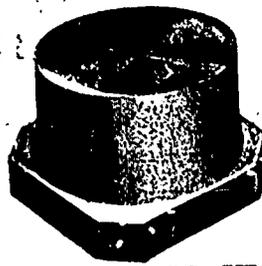
Reports from Slwash Creek near Yale are of a most favorable character. John Dunn, an old prospector who has been on the creek for 15 years, recently made a discovery in his tunnel by cutting through a stringer of quartz carrying free gold. The upper portion of the creek has been staked as placer grounds and shafts will be sunk immediately.

Mr. McGregor, of Ashcroft, has just returned from a trip through the Omineca country in the northern part of British Columbia. He took \$340 worth of gold dust out of Manson creek in four hours and 19 feet down the dirt was tried and \$34 in gold were taken from 75 yards above bedrock. At another place on Manson creek he saw five Chinamen at work and they were making \$3 50 per day to the man.

It is reported that a big deal is pending on Lone Creek camp group of six claims about six miles from Grand Forks owned by Brooks Brothers and known as the Colorado, Whistle, Red Chief, Free Coinage, Lone Creek Star and Ivy. Considerable work has been done on these claims. The ore is of a base nature and it is said assays have shown \$127 in all values. The names of the parties investing have not been learned.

At Spokane last week the number of inquiries for good mining stocks was largely increased, but there was a general disposition to bear the market. The Rio stock advanced to 36; Monte Cristo went up from 16 to 17 1/2 cents and Evening Star from seven to nine. Rambler-Cariboo has been a favorite stock with purchasers and the active demand cleaned up all that was available and the result has been an advance of 4 1/2 cents.

On Wild Horse Creek, a dozen miles south of Nelson, the Big Chief is showing up well. Assays from two 10-foot shafts show \$65 in gold, \$0 per cent. in lead and 12 ozs. in silver. There are three shafts sunk on the lead, about 100 feet apart, and the third shaft is down 25 feet. The Willow mine has been bonded by Mr. Corbould, of the Q.R.O. Exploration Co.; for between \$40,000 and \$50,000. Work has been suspended on the New Victor group owned by Vancouver parties.



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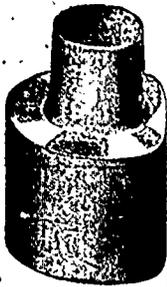
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NELSON'S SHIPMENTS.

The exports of ore and matte for the current month have been the heaviest in the history of Nelson, and indications are that the mineral exports for the full month will aggregate \$800,000. The value of exports for the first twenty-five days of the month exceeds that of any previous month, and gives an average of \$27,000 per day for mineral exports alone. The exports of matte and bullion from the Hall mines for last week were the heaviest in the history of the company's

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A REJOINDER FROM THE "COLONIST."

The Colonist is again angry because the MINING CRITIC strives in a small way to hinder its Yukon boom operations, by warning British investors not to invest in Clondyke companies organised in London, which in nine cases out of every ten bear about them the "mark of the beast," or at least the trail of the "shark promoter." We remain, however, convinced, although some of these companies have secured "decoy ducks or "stool pigeons," several Canadian public men. These gentlemen will or should some day regret their association with recklessly speculative Clondyke mining schemes, organised by promoters in London, who usually know nothing of the far north mine country and are only anxious to make big profits for themselves by foisting very doubtful company stock on the British public. It is a truism to state, as we did, that Western Canadian and American trading companies conversant with the trade and transport requirements of such a region as the Yukon, can do more—far better—in such a field than heterogeneous directorates of men, chiefly got together in London, and, as a rule, noted chiefly for their utter want of acquaintance with Western Canada.

We except, of course, from our criticism of British companies operating in far north Canada, such an experienced body of northern traders as the Hudson's Bay Co., which, though organised in and directed from London, has had a long and historic experience of northern regions, and can at any time make large and successful trading developments in the Yukon country. Not so is it, nor will it be, with any Clondyke trading company as yet organised in London, where it is noticeable that the most trusty financial guides in the press denounce practically all the Yukon schemes now formulated by London promoters.

It is, moreover, notorious that placer mining as conducted in the Yukon, and as distinct from work by hydraulic and other scientific methods which cannot there be used, is not a form of mining that as a rule pays a company, let the Colonist say what it will, to the contrary. A company thus working placers, invariably "buys them high," works them dearly, and is almost wholly at the mercy of the working miner, whose operations can only be successfully supervised and checked by individualist effort, constantly directed on one spot. It is far better, we repeat, for British investors to look to and participate in more permanent mine ventures nearer home than in the Yukon, under infinitely better climatic and other conditions, and directed in a thoroughly business-like way. Such opportunities are more than ample in British Columbia.

The manner in which the Clondyke is being boomed, often as a part of British Columbia, bodes harm rather than good to our own mining development, though it may bring a temporary accession of trade to a not very large number of outfitters in Victoria and elsewhere.

We should of course have less to say in depreciation of the Yukon as a field for British investors were we aware of a single Clondyke company organised in London and intended in the main to be directed and worked by men who know the Yukon, and are not mere nominees of profit hunting promoters. But no such company has yet been organised.

ROADS WANTED BADLY.

How urgently better trunk road access to mining centres is needed in some of our best country, is well shown by the case of the shipping mines at Bugaboo, East Kootenay, belonging to the Golden and Fort Steele Company. These cannot get their ore out at reasonable cost owing to this deficiency. In fact Mr. Wattelet, the manager, states that the shipment of Bugaboo sample ores to Everett will cost in all, including working and getting out, \$100 a ton, of which no less than \$35 stands for the cost of ore transport from the mines to the Columbia River. This last amount might surely be reduced greatly by further Provincial road provision. Few precious metal ores will stand an enormous charge of \$35 a ton for road transport to a smelter lying at no very great distance in miles from shipping mines. And now that mining revenue and mining revenue only, is readjusting the Provincial balance between receipts and expenditure, it were well and profitable—in order to increase more than pro rata, such revenue—to do far more than has yet been done to make tolerable trunk roads for wagons in some of our best mine districts. Further effort in this direction may perhaps accrue from Premier Turner's present official visit to the Kootenay country, more especially as the next election looms in sight, and there are many and increasing votes in the mine regions of B. C. Ministers of state are very human, especially out west, and vigorous, if by no means always well directed, road work in consequence invariably precedes the period of a Provincial general election in B. C., where voters in general are by no means remarkable for the possession of any fixed political principle, other than a broad distrust of politicians.

YUKON PROSPECTING.

The exact nature of the functions of an Archdeacon, though they are undoubtedly useful to his Bishop, if extended as they often are by a vigorous man, in many and various directions of spiritual work, have always been proverbially difficult to define. They certainly don't, however, include prospecting for gold and placer working in the Yukon, and the Ven Archdeacon McKee, late of Golden, is probably the first

cleric on record, even of the retired archidiaconal rank, that holds to go gold mining. The Archdeacon, who is a vigorous man in the prime of life, has now arrived at Dawson City, which he states he will make his winter quarters and either go out prospecting or take work at \$15 a day, till such time as opportunity offers. Presumably the Archdeacon means clerical opportunity, though the Golden Era, which quotes his words, leaves this uncertain. It is, however, certain as aught well can be, that the usual Yukon miner's wage, this winter won't reach anything like \$15 a day. There are 5,000 men at least now in the country, and placer and other work for hire available for not more than 2,500. This means a fall in wages to the lowest living rate of the Clondyke, probably about \$5 or \$6 a day, a sum which won't leave any margin in a land where whiskey only flows in plenty and wholesome food is scarce. Meanwhile Seattle expects at least 50,000 people, "mostly fools"—after the Carlylean dictum—to make in spring for the Yukon. Yet even now at least 100 deluded pilgrims to the Clondyke country will return to North Pacific coast cities, at which an advance guard of some 208 members of the motley retreating force has already arrived in small groups of weary, wayworn men.

Nevertheless, the Seattle press continues to boom the Yukon country almost as extravagantly as of yore. THE MINING CRITIC will however "go slow" as heretofore in its discussion of the Yukon gold possibilities pending further and more authoritative information that will doubtless be forthcoming shortly. Meanwhile there is nothing to show any incorrectness in an opinion already frequently expressed that the obtainable gold wealth is too generally exaggerated, the risks and cost of getting being as generally minimised.

A NOTE OF CAUTION.

The News-Advertiser opposes strenuously the grant of any municipal smelter bonus by the city of Vancouver to any company promoters from England, not having behind them practical metal working industrialists. Our contemporary fears that otherwise not only will mere promoters practically absorb the whole of the municipal concession, but also mayhap involve the city's good name in a venture quite as likely to fail from lack of capital as from lack of

capitalisation and other obstacles. Including bad business management. There is certainly something in the News-Advertiser's contention, and full assurance should be got that there will be men of knowledge and substance behind the smelter and refinery project, ere any subsidy is offered to promoting concessionaires.

But as things are, despite our contemporary's further depreciation of such a course, we remain of opinion that the beginning of a most valuable and indeed necessary industry in Vancouver can be accelerated by many months, if not some years, by a reasonable concession offered in a businesslike way to men of business, who mean business.

Hitherto, however, the methods of the would be London promoters have not been such as to inspire any great confidence in their effort. Their inactivity has been anything but masterly.

ANOTHER MINE RAILROAD COMPLETED.

Trail has now a new railroad, the Trail-Robson link of the Columbia & Western being completed, its total course being 28 miles. Mr. Heinze and his associates do more than talk and scheme, building and working valuable mine district railways. It is usually only when they face the C. P. R. that it becomes necessary for them to make terms.

THE SAME STALE STATEMENT.

The Seattle Post Intelligencer again predicts that the steamer Portland will bring down from the Yukon three tons of gold. The tall talk of Seattle's boom paper is, however, eclipsed by the sensational despatches of Joaquin Miller, the Sierra poet of very unsavory repute, who avers that the season's output of the Clondyke will be 200 tons. He got the information of course in a saloon, and it was probably largely inspired by whiskey of the "forty rod" type. So one may judge by the fact that the truthful Joaquin credits one of his informants, a tough Yukon miner, with being perhaps the richest mining man in the world. "In posse," however only, the great wealth of the man being like Miller's verses, a product of a big western imagination.

THE FERN MINE.

Advices just received from the superintendent of the Fern Mine near Nelson state that the stamp mill, tramway, etc., are now all completed, and on the 24th inst. the whole machinery was tested—the stamps being dropped on wood—and it worked like a charm, not a hitch of any kind occurring. It was expected to have the first load of ore put through last week and the mill will be running continuously from now. The expeditious manner in which the work on this property has been completed speaks well for its energetic management considering that the first order for machinery was given on July 1st. The time in which the plant has been put in is certainly a record of which the company can well be proud. The first clean-up will doubtless be looked forward to with interest by Vancouverites, a great many of whom are shareholders.

A MAYORLESS MINE CITY.

Grand Forks is struggling municipally as best it may in the absence from troublesome business causes of Mr. Manly, its mayor. His absence seems likely to be continued for a somewhat indefinite period, and many Grand Forks people call for his resignation. However, there isn't municipal business to be done in a place that was prematurely incorporated and Grand Forks can probably manage somehow without a mayor for a further period.

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Operations will be resumed immediately on the new reduction works which the British Columbia Bullion Extracting company will erect on the line of the Red Mountain railway, near the O.K. mill, for the treatment of the low grade ores of the camp. L. H. Webber, the general manager, says that the preliminary work to be carried out at present consists of a railway siding, four thousand feet of flumes, ore bins and excavations for the foundations of the works. Thos. W. Fisher, of Helena, who has been engaged for some time making the drawings and plans for the proposed reduction works, will have charge of the construction. It is hoped that the new plant will be in running order by the first of next May.

JAPAN'S SILVER MINES.

Nearly all the silver mines, says the Japan Mail, have stopped work of late owing to the fall in silver. The Inai silver mine in Ugo Province which employed about 5,000 miners, produced about 350 kuanmei of silver per month. The owner of the mine lately fitted up new electrical machinery at a cost of about 300,000 yen, in order to expand the work early in the spring, but now that silver has depreciated so greatly he also is obliged to stop and discharge all his miners.

This is the more remarkable as the Jap miner will work for a daily wage that would do little more than find a single meal for a West Kootenay man. Our up-country miners may thank heaven that hitherto they have not been compelled to compete with the "little brown man." But now that the mines of Japan are failing, the Monzols of Japan may haply migrate to the B.C. precious metal country. Not, however, let us hope, in any large numbers.

NO DEPRECIATION OF GOLD.

Many American papers of the "gold bug" order talk volumes of nonsense about gold depreciation to result from Alaskan and Yukon finds. Mr. Brenton Symons, M.I.C.E., in the London Mining Journal trenchantly refutes this absurdity as follows:

"There prevails an exaggerated opinion on the importance of the Alaskan discoveries and some newspapers are actually discussing the question what effect the flow of gold from there will have on the silver question. The gold production would, indeed, have to assume colossal proportions to have any effect on the relative value of the precious metals, since taking the gold yield of the world to be 9,000,000 ounces per annum, the silver yield of the United States alone runs up to 40,000,000 ounces. Taking the production of the whole world, weight for weight, there are 20 times more silver than gold won from the earth. If the Yukon were six gold fields rolled in to one it would not affect their relative appreciation."

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COMPANIES.	No. OF SHARES.	PAR VALUE.	PRICE
TRAIL CREEK			
Alberta.....	1,000,000	\$ 1.00	\$ 0 8
B. C. Gold King.....	1,000,000	1.00	10
B. C. Gold Fields.....	2,500,000	2.00	11
Beaver.....	750,000	1.00	10
Big Chief.....	1,000,000	1.00	10
Big Three.....	3,500,000	1.00	10
Bluebird.....	600,000	1.00	10
Bruce.....	1,000,000	1.00	10
Butte.....	1,000,000	1.00	1 1/2
Calendonian Con.....	500,000	1.00	05 1/2
California.....	2,500,000	1.00	8
O. & O.....	500,000	1.00	7 1/2
Celtic Queen.....	750,000	1.00	7 1/2
Centre Star.....	700,000	1.00	10
Coloma.....	1,000,000	1.00	18
Commander.....	500,000	1.00	18
Crown Point.....	1,000,000	1.00	10
Deer Park.....	1,000,000	1.00	10
Delta Colla.....	1,000,000	1.00	2
Delaware.....	1,500,000	1.00	12
Eastern Star.....	500,000	1.00	20
Enterprise.....	1,000,000	1.00	20
Eric.....	1,000,000	1.00	04
Evening Star.....	1,000,000	1.00	9
Georgia.....	1,000,000	1.00	10 1/2
Gertrude.....	500,000	1.00	10 1/2
Golden Drip.....	500,000	1.00	11
Golden Queen.....	1,000,000	1.00	10
Golden Western.....	1,000,000	1.00	10
Golden Brown.....	1,000,000	1.00	8
Golden Ore.....	500,000	1.00	04
Homestake.....	1,000,000	1.00	8
Idaho.....	500,000	1.00	8
Imperial.....	1,000,000	1.00	05
Independent.....	1,000,000	1.00	08
Iron Horse.....	1,000,000	1.00	15
Iron Mask.....	500,000	1.00	31
J. X.....	1,000,000	1.00	10
Josie.....	700,000	1.00	36
Justice.....	500,000	1.00	70
King of Templar.....	500,000	1.00	04
King of London.....	1,000,000	1.00	10
Lily May.....	500,000	5.00	8 00
Lily May.....	1,000,000	1.00	13
Maymer.....	1,000,000	1.00	12
Maymer.....	700,000	1.00	12
Monita.....	750,000	1.00	20
Monte Cristo.....	1,000,000	1.00	18
Morning Star.....	1,000,000	1.00	07 1/2
Nest Egg.....	500,000	1.00	3 1/2
Northern Belle.....	1,000,000	1.00	10
Northern.....	1,000,000	1.00	08 1/2
O. K.....	1,000,000	1.00	10
P. to A. to.....	1,000,000	1.00	5
Phoenix.....	500,000	1.00	11
Prognan.....	500,000	1.00	6
R. E. Lee.....	500,000	1.00	12 1/2
Red Mountain View.....	1,000,000	1.00	7
Red Point.....	1,000,000	1.00	10
Rochester.....	500,000	1.00	10
Rossland Star.....	1,000,000	1.00	15
Rossland, Red M'n.....	1,000,000	1.00	22
St. Elmo.....	1,000,000	1.00	05
St. Paul.....	1,000,000	1.00	8
Silverline.....	500,000	1.00	3 1/2
Southern C. & W. C.....	500,000	1.00	20
Sultana.....	1,000,000	1.00	10
Trail Mining Co.....	250,000	100.00	10
Union.....	600,000	1.00	10
Virginia.....	500,000	1.00	11
War Eagle Con.....	2,000,000	1.00	00
West. Le. Rol.....	500,000	1.00	21
White Bear.....	2,000,000	1.00	11
Young British Am.....	1,000,000	1.00	06
AINSWORTH.			
Delite.....	700,000	1.00	12
Eller.....	1,000,000	1.00	07 1/2
BOUNDARY			
Old Ironsides.....	1,000,000	1.00	8
CAMP MCKINNEY			
Cariboo.....	800,000	1.00	54
CAMP FAIR VIEW.			
Occidental.....	600,000	1.00	3
NELSON.			
Exchequer.....	\$1,000,000	1.00	10
Hall Mines.....	3,000,000	1.00	21 00
NORTHPOINT.			
Red Top.....	1,000,000	\$1.00	10
SLOCAN.			
Athabasca.....	1,000,000	1.00	32
Alamo.....	500,000	1.00	10
Don Diablo.....	75,000	1.00	1 00
Bondholder.....	1,000,000	1.00	10
Buffalo.....	150,000	1.00	25
Cumberland.....	500,000	-10.00	60
Durdenelles.....	1,000,000	1.00	15
Gray Eagle.....	1,000,000	1.00	10
Idler.....	1,000,000	1.00	10
Kootenay-Columbia.....	500,000	1.00	30

THE TENNESSEE GROUP.

Shaft sinking on the Tennessee at Ymir, owned by the Hamilton Rossland Gold Mining Co., Limited is steadily proceeding. The shaft is now about 100 feet, revealing values varying between \$9 and \$28 a ton.

GOLD IN FORTY-NINE MILE CREEK

The Nelson Hydraulic Mining Co. considers prospects decidedly improved in Forty-Nine Mile Creek. There are there being found in larger quantities including nuggets of moderate size, some such, weighing nine ounces, was found in the Creek and sold for \$20. There has been much hard and good work done on the Creek deserving of substantial results which, it is hoped, will shortly accrue.

CLOSED DOWN.

One of very few Slocan mines to be closed down is the Enterprise at Ten Mile, change partly due to proposed changes of management involving a cheapening of working and including a reduction from \$1.50 to \$1 of miners' daily wages. The Enterprise employs about 50 workers. The temporary closing down of the Enterprise is not stated to be attributable to the fall in silver, but this doubtless is nevertheless a leading cause of the proposal and the wage cut to follow.

REPORTED GOLD FIND AT KASLO

A Mr. Robert Kane, of Kaslo, stated to be a trustworthy man, recently brought into Kaslo from across the Big gold bearing ore assaying \$96 a ton, stated by him to have been found on a claim known as the Homestake, later located by him. Other prospectors are now out on the hills beyond the Lake seeking to verify and ascertain the extent of the find, which if as stated, augurs well for a point which has hitherto been solely reliant on its silver-bearing resources.

INTERESTED IN TEXADA.

Judge Shope, of Chicago, who recently visited Seattle, there stated to a Pacific Intelligencer representative that he and associates of his, who are already largely interested in the Van-Anda mine, mean to acquire shortly interests in other properties on Texada Island along Jervis Inlet. They have much faith in the copper-gold properties of these districts, some at least of which will, according to Judge Shope, be taken up very shortly by monied men from the Eastern States. Judge Shope was one of the party which accompanied the late President Stevenson to B.C. in 1893.

RIGHTLY SUGGESTED.

The Colonist is correctly of opinion that it is desirable that the Dominion Government should provide a place in Victoria and another in Vancouver where persons going to the Yukon obtain mining licenses. Our correspondent adds that at present they are sent down to Dawson City, which means a great loss of time and considerable expense to those who intend to prospect upon the upper waters of the Yukon. The Colonist's suggestion might well be adopted by the Hon. Mr. Sifton, whom it will doubtless be suggested with much force on the occasion of his visit.

COMPANIES.	No. OF SHARES.	PAR VALUE.	PRICE
Noble Five Con.....	1,200,000	1.00	22
Rambler Con.....	1,000,000	1.00	45
Reco.....	1,000,000	1.00	1 70
Slocan Star.....	1,000,000	50	2 43
Sunshine.....	500,000	10.00	6
Washington.....	1,000,000	1.00	25
Wonderful.....	1,000,000	1.00	6
TEXADA ISLAND			
Texada Proprietary	1,000,000	\$ 25	\$ 0 25
Van Ande.....	5,000,000	1.00	5
Victoria-Texada.....	600,000	25	25
ALBERNI DIST.			
Alberni M'n Rose	250,000	1.00	05 1/2
Alberni Con.....	1,000,000	1.00	19
Mineral Creek.....	500,000	1.00	05 1/2
Mineral Hill.....	750,000	1.00	05
Quadrant.....	500,000	1.00	10
CARIBOO			
Cariboo Gold Fields	£500,000		
Cariboo Hydraulic.....	300,000	5.00	10 50
Columbia & Cariboo.....	1,000,000	1.00	15
Horsefly Hydraulic.....	200,000		
Horsefly Gold M. Co.....	1,000,000	10.00	1 50
Sloagh Creek.....	500,000	1.00	50
LILLOOET DIST.			
Golden Cache.....	500,000	1.00	1 77 1/2
Lillooet Gold Reefs	200,000	25	25
Dom'n Development	90,000		
Alpha Bell.....	500,000	1.00	70
Cayoosh Creek Mines	500,000	1.00	50
B. C. Mining Pros- pectors' Exchange.	1,000,000	25	25

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THE BLUE BELL SOLD.

At a meeting of the Frederick Arm Mining Company the advisability of disposing of the Blue Bell mine on Frederick's Arm was considered, and as a result the deal for the sale of the property is now about closed. The buyers are an English syndicate, and by the terms of the agreement they will spend \$10,000 on the property within six months, and at any time during that period the company can take over the property if they so desire. The conditions are that they will form a new company with a capital of \$500,000, with \$10,000 in the treasury for development purposes, and give the stockholders of the old company 40 per cent. of the stock in fully paid up and non-assessable shares, besides \$15,000 in cash. The showing on this property has been a remarkable one, and the deal is one of the largest consummated for some time.

THE LUCKY STRIKE.

Mr. Jno. Cobeldick, a syndicate headed by whom owns this copper-gold mine at Kamloops, is very sanguine of future good results therefrom. The ore runs well in copper and shows about \$12 to the ton in gold, whilst Mr. Cobeldick hopes that the gangue matter will be rich enough in gold to pay for stamp milling. Shipping ore has been got from the surface down, and the shaft is stated to be sunk in a shaft seven feet wide. Shaft sinking is now being steadily continued and Mr. Cobeldick means to make the mine a large shipper at an early date.

The wagon road to the Ymir mine is almost completed.

ROSSLAND'S RICHES.

The Rossland Record in a recent issue contained the following: The aggregate wealth of the city to-day is \$23,000,000. No other city in the world has so much wealth in comparison with its population; no other city in the world can boast of having 50 mine-claims stake inside its city limits, 17 of which are fully developed properties running full blast. If the other 33 claims should produce one-third of the wealth turned out by the other 17 developed properties, the wealth of Rossland would run up into the millions besides, which the wealth of the Klondyke, South Africa, Australia and other places would pale into significance. The citizens of Rossland even, many of them, do not know the wealth contained within the limits of their own city. In order to satisfy the inquisitive it will be necessary to classify the wealth in order that the figures given may not seem visionary. Inside of the city limits are 50 properties. The 17 developed properties are as follows: Le Roi, War Eagle, Centre Star, Nickel Plate, Iron Horse, Iron Colt, Kootenay & Columbia, Sunset No. 2, White Bear, San Francisco, California, Josie, Great Western, Golden Charm, City of Spokane, Black Bear. These mines represent \$20,000,000 in gold cash. The 33 undeveloped mines are valued at \$1,000,000, which is a very conservative estimate. Indeed when the good results obtained from the surrounding developed properties are considered. This brings the wealth inside the city limits up to \$21,000,000. Add to this amount the estimated valuation of the city, which is \$1,500,000, and the amount climbs up to \$22,500,000, or nearly \$23,000,000. If the wealth were distributed equally every person in Rossland would receive nearly \$3,000 on his or her share. If the dividends paid by the mines could be added to this amount the total would fairly startle the credulous. The Le Roi alone has paid \$75,000 dividends. Then there is to be considered the amount of money invested in stocks, the sums represented by those interested in mines here, and the bank accounts from various sources, which would again swell the total to a fabulous amount. There is also a pay roll of \$75,000 per month or over. In the opinion of a prominent mining man from whom these figures were obtained, inside of a year there will probably be 10 more claims shipping ore, providing there are facilities for handling it which will bring the total up to 57 developed properties. When it is further considered that the city is but three years old and is equipped with all modern appliances, such as finely graded streets, a sewerage system, a city council, board of trade, water and light plant, then it will be easy for outsiders to understand why the citizens of Rossland are proud and have such faith in their city. So speaks the Record, making of course, the most of its city. The figures quoted however, are certainly significant of a fair future for Rossland.

ORE SHIPMENTS.

The ore shipments from Rossland for the past week aggregated 1,760 tons, all of which went to the Trail smelter. The Le Roi's output was 1,650 tons, which brings the total shipments from this mine since the beginning of the year up to 41,997 tons. The Iron Mask mine furnished its usual quota of 60 tons, while the Centre Star was in the list with a shipment of 50 tons. This makes the total tonnage sent out from

A SHREWD OPINION.

This is what the Mining Journal, of London, Eng., the oldest mining paper in the world and certainly one of the best, thinks of the Klondyke and its companies in their relation to the British investor. Quoth the Mining Journal: "The Pall Mall Gazette has been at pains this week to interview His Honor Mr. MacIntosh, Lieutenant-Governor of the North-West Territories of Canada, to ascertain his views on the richness of the Klondyke gold fields. As might be expected from one who is imbued with the sentiment of patriotism, this gentleman thinks very highly of this gold field and expressed himself in this self-satisfied manner—'The Territories are a treasure house of the empire, and when it has been exploited the rest of the world will rub its eyes and wish it had a share in it. All our great colonies in Africa, Australia, and India have had their time, and they are not played out by a great deal. But now it is Canada's turn, and I think our little surprise packet on the Yukon river, as well as in British Columbia, will be about the biggest thing of the century. Give us a year or perhaps two and we will astonish the dear old mother country, and make the nations outside the empire green with envy.' No person, we take it, would be insane enough to deny the wonderful richness of the Klondyke gold-field, and no one has the slightest doubt that it possesses an abundance of the precious metal. But what we do contend is that, owing to the terrible difficulties encountered in the gold field, and the insurmountable obstacles which forbid mining work during a great portion of the year, the possibility of profitable working is almost out of the question. There may be a few persons who will alone benefit from this marvellous 'treasure house,' but we think the chances which British and other investors stand of reaping any profits from the development of the field are very remote. Judging from the amount of capital that has already been subscribed in Klondyke companies we greatly fear that those who have been foolish enough to part with it will stand little chance of ever seeing it back again, and, in spite of Mr. MacIntosh's opinion, we would earnestly advise them not to entrust any further capital in the exploitation of this phenomenally rich but unworkable gold field. But when applied to Canada, and especially to British Columbia and Ontario, the remarks of the Lieutenant Governor possess a greater significance. We have persistently advertised the claims of both these gold fields, and we repeat what we have frequently said, that investors, if they wish to embark upon safe enterprises, would be far wiser to intrust their capital in mining properties in gold fields such as these, which possess abundant facilities for economical working, than to send it to a country such as Klondyke, where it stands a great chance of being profitlessly expended. Therefore, we have no exception to take to the views held by Mr. MacIntosh on Canada, generally. We desire to add our testimony to his that the future will reveal this country to be a veritable 'treasure house,' and that it is destined to give the mining community and the world in general a pleasurable surprise."

KLONDYKE GOLD.

This gold is much less pure than that of California, which averages at least \$17.50 an ounce. Some of the Klondyke gold only assays at the rate of \$15.48 an

MR. HEINZE'S ADVOCATE.

The Rossland Miner has begun its work for its new owner, Mr. Heinze. It consequently advocates very strongly the cause of the Columbia and Western Railway, and its claims for a Dominion subsidy towards the proposed line from Penitton to Boundary, as against the Coast railroad syndicate, whom, referring to Dr. Milne's attempted bargain and sale of charter claims, it stigmatises as charter mongers. Meanwhile, whether Mr. Heinze and his press advocate like the situation or no, the C. P. R. has determined to extend its Crow's Nest road from Nelson to Rossland, if possible fair terms being arranged, via the Columbia and Western line of Mr. Heinze and his associates, otherwise by a new branch of its own. The news naturally delights both Nelson and Rossland.

It looks as if, having regard to the practically unlimited resources of the C. P. R., it were best for Mr. Heinze to follow the scriptural maxim, "Agree with thine adversary quickly." All shrewd observers in B. C. are compelled to recognize that as things are, it is useless to oppose the great transcontinental railroad in any large and important matter, be it Mongol immigration, local service or otherwise. The C.P.R. is strong enough at Ottawa and elsewhere to go very directly in any direction which it may please its powerful director to take, and fortunately for B. C. the present policy of the C. P. R. is, as regards the mining country at any rate, eminently progressive.

THE LAST CHANCE.

The Slocan mine, adjoining the "Noble Five," is reported sold for \$250,000 per Mr. McDonald, manager of the Payne mine, Messrs. McCune, who own already dominating mine interests in the Slocan, are reported to be the purchasers.

OFF FOR PEACE RIVER.

R. Applegate, who was in Vancouver for several weeks, left the other day for Peace river where he and his party will do some prospecting and next spring they will probably push through to the Klondike. They left by way of Ashcroft and from there took the trail to Queenelle. They had two years' provisions.

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**EVERGREEN MINE,
SALMON RIVER DISTRICT.**

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 claim 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 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 thoroughly 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, cutting as it 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 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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