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FROM OTHER CAMPS

Latest Mining News from the Boundary, Slocan, Similkameen, East Kootenay, Kaslo, Phoenix, Midway and Other Districts

The most noteworthy feature of the review of this week is the shipment of ore from the various camps during the year which is now fast approaching a close. The Boundary has made a great stride during the past year showing that it means to a mining country to have a railroad for the haulage of its output. Already the Boundary mines have passed the 100,000-ton mark and there are not wanting prophets to predict that the Phoenix camp will produce more than Rossland will do the coming year. Be this as it may, and the friendly rivalry will do no harm to either camp, the year ore is put out during the coming year from East Kootenay or from Rossland, each and every shipment will have an accumulative effect upon the imagination and upon the purses of those whose money is needed to develop the mines which are as yet in the infancy of their production in this country. There are three districts which are at present lagging somewhat behind the others Kamloops, although Kamloops is the oldest settled, yet as a mining district it has hardly as yet awoken to the riches of the mines that are there in the hills behind the town. Great things are expected from the Copper King and from the Iron Mask and from some others that might be mentioned and as the other districts fore ahead the mines of Kamloops will also be in due time exploited. The Lardeau has already developed a considerable portion of the district as far as any district can be prospectively without the aid of a railway to pay for systematic exploration of mining properties by carrying to a market the first ore gotten. With the advent of the railroad next summer the Lardeau will have another story to tell by the month of December, 1901.

The Similkameen, not so well developed, has shown that it possesses properties that will give employment to a railway running into the country. This will probably be done by the year after but a determined effort should be made to get a railway into the meritorious properties which exist west of Midway right into the heart of the Similkameen.

KAMLOOPS.

Good Prospects for the Copper King, Iron Mask, Kimberley and Others.

The Wheal Tamar is closed down pending negotiations now under way in New York.

The Tenderfoot has good matting ore still, the drift being in 40 feet on the lowest level.

The Navy group, situated near Humphrey's ranch, and owned by Seattle people, will be worked extensively during the coming spring.

The Iron Mask is working three shifts of men. The management does not wish to boom the claim, but it is generally supposed to be turning out well.

Good ore is being taken from the Kimberley, East Kootenay, is passing through done in the easterly drift about 200 feet from the mouth of the tunnel.

The Noonday gold quartz claim has been unwatered the past week, the 100-foot level is being timbered and cross-cutting will be proceeded with to prove the width of the vein at this level.

On Sunday last a delegation of Kamloops business men paid a visit to the Copper King at Cherry Creek and were surprised and delighted at what they saw there, says the Sentinel. In the face of the drift there were some five feet of clean shipping ore exposed to view. At present the shaft house is being re-erected and a shaft house is being erected. The property is being fixed up in shape for winter work, and until this is completed work will naturally be slow. Sufficient ore is, however, being taken out that will enable a shipment of very rich ore being made about Christmas time to the smelter at Trail. The first payment was made on the property yesterday and another shift will be put to work some time during the present week.

THE LARDEAU.

A Big Deal—The Metropolitan and Sunset—Trinne Shipments.

The deal for the Metropolitan and Sunset groups at the head of the north fork of the Lardeau, has been completed. The properties have been bonded by the owners, H. Carter and Lew Thompson, to F. W. Tiffin of Vancouver, acting for C. W. McCrossan of Chatham, Ont. The amount of the bond is \$87,000 to be paid \$7,000 in six months from date of agreement, \$10,000 in 12 months and \$23,000 in 18 months.

Frank Holton and W. Shannon came down from the Sunset group on Sunday last. Besides getting things in shape to go to work the boys have driven some 20 feet of tunnel, besides the open cut. In the last few feet ore was coming in gradually, but they have not reached the objective point under the surface showing above as yet, so that little can be expected until this is done. However the supplies are in and by next spring the owners, the Gold Link Mining company, will have a better idea of what is in store for them.

The Cleveland and British Columbia Mining Company, Limited, with their British Columbia office in Rossland, and of which A. J. Welch is managing director, will commence development work early next spring upon the Copper Prince

and Anna B., two properties they own up the north fork of Lardeau creek, lying south of the Canadian-Lardeau property. Very little work has been done so far, but the results of what is done is of such an encouraging nature that the company wish to further prove their Lardeau-acquisitions. This same company are at present operating the Ocean Wave and the Golden Treasure, in the Ymir camp. An agreement has been signed giving control of the Cromwell mine to the strongly backed Warner Miller syndicate of New York and others for the sum of \$150,000. The Cromwell mine was located in September, 1899, and when the first assessment work was done upon it the lead was found. The ore returned assays running from \$130 to \$750 per ton, the latter being, of course, in respect of a quite exceptional sample. The principal vein was in gold, six and a half tons shipped to the smelter gave returns of 5.76 ounces gold and 18.1 ounces silver to the ton. The property is close to the Trinne mine. What little work has been done on the Cromwell has exposed a strong ore body 28 inches in width.

Vincent Lade and Andy Ferguson left last week for Thompson's Landing, says the Ferguson Eagle, to arrange for getting the big C. P. R. boat to come in from Arrowhead for the Trinne ore. The last 20-ton shipment of ore to Trail. The last 20-ton shipment of this ore went \$230.67, the total values being \$237.58 in gold, \$4,985.95 in silver and \$589.99 in lead, or in all \$5,813.49, giving a net profit of over \$250 to the ton. The present 120-ton shipment will yield about the same values, as the Messrs. Lade brothers and Gunn brothers are experienced mining men and "save" their business, being especially accustomed to carbonate ores, such as the Trinne mine produces. The exact returns will appear in next issue, if the boys are not disappointed in getting the boat in to deepwater landing for the ore.

THE SLOCAN.

Shipments From Silverton—Doings Around the District.

The Emily Edith is having new ore bins built.

Monday was pay day at the Arlington and Speculator.

The Corinth near Three Forks has shut down for a while.

Stopping is in progress in the No. 3 and 4 tunnels of the Enterprise.

The double-compartment shaft on the Speculator is down eight feet.

Operations are to be resumed at the Marion, New Denver, in January.

The road roads of the past fortnight have interfered sadly with the ore exports.

A new ore house has been built at the mouth of the No. 2 workings on the Speculator.

Charley Haller is managing the Conjecture mine for Colonel Ridpath, at Lakeview, Idaho.

Considerable ore from the Kimberley mines, East Kootenay, is passing through done in the easterly drift about 200 feet from the mouth of the tunnel.

The Slocan Chief joined the shipping list last week by sending out 16 tons from Slocan.

A change of foremanship has taken place at the Hewatt mine, Pat Dwyer succeeding Harry Calbeck.

A settlement of the accounts against the Lemon creek wagon road has again been postponed.

The repairs have been made to the Arlington ore chutes at the switch and they are now in use.

Mark Manley has refused a big cash offer for a portion of his interest in the Native Silver fraction.

The Enterprise Mines failed to lift their option on the Aylwin interest in the Montezuma claim, Ten Mile.

It is given out that the long crosscut on the Queen Bess has caught the vein, with a large ore body in sight.

It is stated a deal is on for the purchase of the Monument group, at the head of Lemon creek, the price being set at \$90,000.

Fifty-five cents has been offered and refused during the week for a block of 20,000 shares in the Arlington company.

The V. & M. group, a Twelve Mile property, which is being developed by a Vancouver syndicate, will make a trial shipment in a few days.

Another crosscut to the east is being run from the No. 2 on the Speculator, and a new slip has been encountered, showing healthy signs of a companion ledge being near.

The shipments from Sandon last week were: Payne 285 tons, Last Chance 121 tons, Slocan Star 98, Goodenough 15, Ruth 16, Idaho 292, Corinth 61. Other shipments from the district were: White-water 197, Bosun 20, Hewatt 10.

During November the Payne mine shipped 1,073 tons, Last Chance 354, Slocan Star 142, Ruth 112, Sovereign 49, Trade Dollar 62, American Boy 61, Cube Lode 15, Enterprise 40, Arlington 345, Hampton 8 and Bosun 80.

J. Cross and Sid Cooper went up Sunday to Twelve Mile creek to commence work on the Bachelor group. It was bonded two months ago by R. E. Fishburn, late of the Enterprise. He let a contract to drive 100 feet of tunnel to Tom Lake and it is this work that is now being done.

amount is being broken down and piled on the dump. In the No. 1 good headway is being made with the winze. Those who are acquainted with the Speculator affirm that it will develop into the biggest mine in the division. The bond is a surety.

Eight or ten men are employed at the Neepawa, Ten Mile, and rapid headway is being made in the drift, which is being run under contract to Alex Ferguson and Frank Griffiths. They expect to be finished by the end of the month and will realize a tidy sum. At present it looks as if the drift would have to be continued some distance beyond the contract in order to catch the showing exposed above, as the shoot is apparently dipping into the hill.

Mark Manley returned from Spokane on Monday, whither he had been with the principals in the recent deal on the Iron Horse. He stated arrangements had been made for starting work on the Iron Horse early next month. The first thing to be done will be to run a raise from the tunnel to the surface, a distance of 60 feet, for air. Then sinking would commence in the shaft and would be continued steadily. A small force will be employed at first and gradually increased as room is made for them.

The stamps at the Chapleau mill commenced dropping Tuesday and the mill is in steady operation. The machinery is running smoothly and is doing pretty work. The tram cable has been tightened and replaced and is working without hitch in delivering the ore. New bunk-houses and a cookhouse are also being erected, and when finished the force is to be increased. About 35 men are employed at the mine, 25 around the mill, and 15 or 20 in cleaning out the mud slides in the new road. A clean-up from the mill is expected at the end of the month.

Parties down from Ten Mile on Thursday to vote brought word of an important strike that had just been made at the Enterprise, says the Drill. They stated it had been made in the top workings and not far from the Empire's fraction, one of the most and after catching the vein, has been continued along it into the hill. There has been a little mineral right along, but a shoot of clean ore has been encountered. It is six inches wide and very high grade, being all a shipping article. The last accounts were that the strike was improving and the ore being broken down and sacked.

An examination of the Fisher Maiden Mining company's property, made this week by Mr. Kingsbury, the expert for the Slocan-Kilo company, which operates so extensively around Slocan City, has been learned of any pending deal on the property, but as Mr. Kingsbury was joined here on his return by Percy Dickinson, the manager of the Slocan-Kilo company, it is assumed that they are desirous of acquiring the property. If such should be the case it would be a good thing for the camp, as the mine is known as a good one and, if in the hands of such as Mr. Dickinson and his company, would help largely in bringing Silverton once more into favor among mining men.

The bond on the Mabou group, held by J. Frank Colman, lapsed Friday night, he failing to make the first payment of five per cent. The story in circulation that the bond fell short because of the action of the commissioners in granting a license to the hotel in the Arlington basin, is rubbish. The owners of the group are not worrying over the matter, as they are confident of securing additional capital for the development of the property, and from the serene smile which illumines his countenance it is apparent that his visit was successful one. He is reticent about giving out any information regarding the intentions of the company, but those on the inside say the Mountain View will be among the heavy workers this winter and that it is expected to have it shipping by spring.

Wm. Wilde, E. E. Kregel and W. G. McLennan of Columbia have located a claim on Observation mountain, which they call the Chicago. They are doing the development on the property and the showing is so good that they have decided to push work for some time. They have now in sight a ledge 35 feet in width on the surface, which they have traced the entire length of their claim, and from where the work was done they have had assays ranging from \$2.30 to \$40 in gold, silver and copper.

The first of the week three men were put at work on the Emma, a Summit camp property which has a reputation for itself in the early days of the country, but which has been closed down for two, past three or four years, having been tied up at the time of the big copper deal in the States some years ago. On Wednesday the force was increased and the work of pumping the shaft out is to be pushed at once. This working, which is now down 100 feet, is to be sunk deeper, and the showing made by the railway graders is to be stripped and otherwise opened up.

THE BOUNDARY.

The Shipments of Ore—Notes on Many Properties.

E. H. Thurston made the final payment of \$23,000 on the Carmi this week.

Reports from the Rambler, near Eholt,

are to the effect that the property is looking better every day.

Work is expected to be started on the Yellowstone group, adjoining the Last Chance, between Phoenix and Greenwood, some time in the early part of January.

The No. 7 group, in Central camp, started up work last Monday and is being dewatered, preparatory to beginning systematic development.

The Emma, in Summit camp, owned by Messrs. McKenzie and Mann and W. T. Smith, is being pumped out, and it is said some ore will be gotten out and shipped to the new Standard smelter, being completed at Boundary Falls.

James Pouch, in charge of the ore quarrying on the surface of the Knob Hill, has from 15 to 20 men at work. This ore, which makes an ideal flux, is being sent out every day to the Granby smelter at the rate of from three to five cars.

Work is proceeding apace with the installation of the 35-drill compressor at the Mother Lode. During November about 2,500 tons of ore were sent to the smelter, and the daily output is to be 300 tons after the new compressor is in running order.

A big strike has been made at the 250-foot level on the Crown Silver, Dead-camp, the control of which went into the hands of the Dominion Copper company, began operations again last Saturday, after a shut-down of eight months. It is asserted that the new owners will erect a smelter.

There has been a mild placer excitement on Fourth of July creek, says the Enterprise, a few miles south of Phoenix, during the last few days. Claims have been staked on both sides of the international boundary line. Nuggets worth \$1.25 each and \$0 per yard gravel are said to have been found.

Another of the big Deadwood camp properties is to be developed and placed on a shipping basis by a strong company. The control of the Western Copper company, limited, owning the Greyhound mine, has been secured by Mr. W. M. Price, president of the Standard Copper company, and his associates, who will immediately begin the development of the mine on a large scale.

A strike is reported from the Humming Bird, but the exact nature of the find cannot be ascertained. The Morning Glory is shipping more ore to the Granby smelter and the Quip is arranging to ship also. John Dorsey, of the Mountain View, is back from the east and good news may be expected from that property in the near future.

A report came down from the Humming Bird this week to the effect that the biggest find yet, had been made on the property, but up to the time of going to press we have been unable to get any authentic information as to the size and nature of the find, so far as Grand Forks gets it. It is, so far as we can learn, in the lower tunnel and is a body of ore hitherto not known of.

Telephone news from the R. C. this week. Mr. Mackintosh said that the shaft is now down 282 feet and the showing is better there than in the upper levels. The ore body is larger than ever and the mine is becoming more valuable with every foot of development done. A new 40-horse power boiler has just been ordered for the plant and the work of opening up the shaft is going ahead more rapidly than ever. Shipments to Trail are being continued.

John Dorsey who made the sensational deal on the Mountain View last season, is back from a trip to the east, where it is understood he went for the purpose of securing additional capital for the development of the property, and from the serene smile which illumines his countenance it is apparent that his visit was successful one. He is reticent about giving out any information regarding the intentions of the company, but those on the inside say the Mountain View will be among the heavy workers this winter and that it is expected to have it shipping by spring.

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Our main shaft is now down 384 feet," said Manager Parrish of the B. C. mine, to a Pioneer man this week. "We have been cutting a station for a few days, but expect to resume sinking again in a short time. "We have so far shipped 160,000 tons of ore, nearly all of which was sent to the C. P. R. smelter at Trail. During the month of October we shipped about 4,000 tons, but November shipments were less, amounting to 2,500 tons. This was on account of some necessary timbering and alterations, which occupied part of our force of men. "Just now," continued Mr. Parrish, "we have about 90 men employed above and below ground. Our new bunk house is complete and we are enlarging the boarding house." Asked as to the rumors in regard to the B. C. mine, building a smelter at Boundary City or elsewhere, he replied: "There is not a word of truth in it, and so far as I know there is nothing of the kind in contemplation. Why we have not got sufficient ore blocked out yet to keep a smelter running continuously, so why should we think of putting up reduction works?"

MINES AND MINING

What is Going on in... Shaft, Drift, Stope, Winze, Etc., Etc.

LEDGE OF THE TAMARAC.

It Has Been Located at the Bottom of the Winze.

The vein has been located in the Tamarac at the bottom of the 300-foot winze. This winze is run from the bottom of the lower tunnel. The report of this find was received by Mr. Arthur Marsh yesterday from Mr. Richard Roberts, the engineer of the company. Mr. R. C. Riblet, who is constructing the tramway from the Tamarac to the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway, says the work is making good progress, and that it will be finished between the 10th and 15th of January. The railway company promised some time since to put in a siding at the end of the tramway, but so far has failed to do so.

NELSON AND DERBY.

A Company Being Formed in Nelson to Take Them Over.

The Rossland Proprietary company of Nelson, now being formed to take over the Nelson No. 2 and Derby claims in Rossland from the parent organization, the Societe d'Etudes de British Columbia, will not develop their properties in the immediate future, says the Nelson Tribune. The owners of the Spitzee claim, just below the Nelson and Derby, are working steadily, and their property improved with every shot. As the vein on the Spitzee crosses the Nelson and Derby, the owners of the latter are content to have their neighbors do the work for the present. The lead is said to be something over 50 feet in width, and while the grade of the ore is low, as is characteristic of the Rossland camp, the size of the ore body makes the property as promising a prospect as any in the camp. An unusual feature of the Nelson and Derby is that they are in the middle of a residential portion of Rossland. The surface is cut up into 127 building lots, intersected by Columbia avenue and other thoroughfares on which water mains and sewers are laid. This gives the claims a value apart from the mineral they may contain.

THE COPPER KING.

A Property That Should Prove a Money Maker.

At last the Kamloops mining district is being exploited in a business-like way, says the Kamloops Standard. The Iron Mask and the Lucky Strike are being worked in a systematic way by men who know what they are about. The Copper King, which has been humbugged by so-called "practical miners," whose sole idea was to spin out a job, is now being developed as it deserves to be. On Sunday last Messrs. Redman & Outbrett took out a party of well known citizens to see the property, and, judging by their remarks on the way home, they were more than satisfied. The shaft in which the work is being done is situated about 300 feet above the level of the road, and is in an exceedingly favorable position for carrying the ore by an aerial tramway of about three-quarters of a mile to the C.P.R. main line, so that the expense of marketing the ore will be nominal.

The shaft at present in use is a single compartment, and is down about 40 feet. At present a shaft house is being erected over it to enable the work to go on uninterruptedly during the winter. The shaft is down about 40 feet, but it is not the intention at present to sink any deeper, as the shaft is not intended to be a permanent one. Work is therefore being pushed on the ore body, until the point selected for the permanent shaft is reached, when an upraise will be made and sinking commenced.

The ore revealed so far by the work done in the drift is, to say the least, most encouraging. The present workings are 6 feet in width by 6 feet 6 inches in height, and are all in ore. As the vein has not been cross-cut the full width has not yet been determined. The face last Sunday, when we examined it, showed a large amount of bonnite, which carries about 50 per cent. copper, the rest of the rock being of varying grades of ore. The grade ore being got ready for shipment, and the whole dump is made up of ore, which, when locally smelted, will yield considerable profit. A thorough examination of the property satisfied the mining men with the party, that the Copper King was a property that will be a mine. Nature has done her work, it remains for man to do his, if he can, without blundering, and under Mr. Redman's management, we believe this can be accomplished.

ROCKLAND GROUP.

What the Miner-Graves Syndicate Is Doing With It.

The programme decided upon by the Miner-Graves syndicate with regard to their Slocan property, the Rockland group, has been watched with keenest interest by the mining operators who have property in that section. W. Yolen Williams, superintendent of the syndicate, stated to the Nelson Tribune, when approached on the matter: "I am not able to give you definite information as to the resumption of work on the Rockland group, but it is quite probable that active operations will be commenced on the prospect as soon as the snow is off the ground."

The Rockland is on Eight-Mile creek, three and a half miles southeast of Slocan. The formation is a belt of schist or altered slate with large bodies of mill ing ore, the values being carried principally in arsenical iron, although some copper exists. The Miner-Graves syndicate bought from Alex Sproat of New Denver, Judge Spinks of Vernon and Frank Watson of Spokane. Since taking over the group a sum estimated at \$30,000 has been spent in development. The assumption is that the owners propose to mill the output of the Rockland on the ground and ship the concentrates to their smelter at Grand Forks where the iron will be excellent for fluxing purposes and thereby ensure a profit in working. It is generally thought that the time and attention which the management was naturally compelled to give its Boundary enterprises would to give the Boundary smelter, was under way and the Knob Hill and Old Ironsides mines reaching a producing stage, engrossed so much of their time that they simply had no time to devote to enterprise further afield. Now that smelters and mines are running smoothly the supposition is that they will be prepared to go ahead with work on their Slocan property and develop it on an extensive scale. It goes without saying that a programme along this line would mean much for the section generally.

Among the properties on the same side as the Rossland are the Congo group, owned by V. M. Benedum of Silverton and others; the L. H. and Los Vegas, owned by A. R. Findland, manager of the Monitor mine at Three Forks, Charles Brand and John Tingling; the Baby Ruth, owned by A. R. Findland and others; the Spokane group, owned by Silverton parties, and the Silver Tip, owned by the Mackenzie Mann syndicate. The mineral belt runs north and south from the Rossland toward Rain mountain.

THE ROCK LAKE CONCENTRATOR.

The Rock Lake Mining Co., Ltd., whose office is in Sault Ste. Marie, has a copper property situated in the district of Algoma, Province of Ontario, Dominion of Canada, about 35 miles east of Sault Ste. Marie and nine miles due north of Bruce Mines Station on the Canadian Pacific Railroad. This is a copper property and a concentrator has recently been built. It is described by the designer as follows: "The Rock Lake 200-ton concentrator is situated on a suitable side hill of 21 degrees slope on the shores of Rock Lake. It is adjacent to the vein and handy to the lake for water transportation to the mill, thereby shortening very considerably the distance concentrates or matte must be hauled. The crude ore from the mine is dumped into storage bins so placed at the head of the mill that the ore will fall by gravity into a 20x30-inch Blake crusher. The product from the crusher all passes to a one-inch mesh revolving screen or trommel, the oversize from this trommel going to a set of 16x30-inch belt-driven rolls. These rolls are provided with adjustable ball and socket bearings to prevent cramping, and consequent wear to shafts. From these rolls the ore is elevated to the above mentioned trommel so that all ore passing to mill has to go through its preparations.

GOLD OUTPUT.

George E. Roberts, director of the United States mint, declares that 1001, the first year of the 20th century, will show the greatest gold production the world has ever known. "We estimate from data in our possession," he says, "that the world's production next year will reach the enormous total of \$385,000,000—\$1,000,000 a day of the yellow metal extracted from the bosom of our beautiful mother earth. Moreover, the year 1901 will show that the United States is again at the head of all countries as a producer of gold. Our total next year will probably rise to \$94,000,000, eclipsing Austria and South Africa for the first time in several years."

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CARMI HAS RICH ORE.

Fifteen Hundred Tons That Will Go \$90 to the Ton.

Messrs. G. A. Sonnemann and W. H. Lanney returned yesterday from the west fork of the Kettle river, where they have been looking after the development on the Carmi property which seems to be a property of more than ordinary merit. The claim was located two years ago by Mr. Lanney and he brought it to the attention of Mr. Sonnemann of Spokane, who took a working bond upon it and put a force of men to work on it. In sixty days after work was commenced it was evident that the Carmi was valuable. Mr. E. H. Thurston and Mr. J. E. Branscombe then came into the deal and in consideration of an interest agreed to take up the bond when it fell due and to pay for the development work up to a certain stage. Work was pushed on the property and now there is a shaft down to a depth of 110 feet and 125 feet of drifting. Besides this there is 1,500 tons of ore on the dump which will average \$90 to the ton. The vein which was only 14 inches wide on the surface is now 12 feet in width at the 100-foot level. The ore in the shaft runs from \$55 to \$90 to the ton. It is a quartz carrying sulphides of the Carmi and iron from wall to wall, with no waste. A contract has been given to a teaming firm to transport 2,000 tons of ore to the smelter at a cost of \$23,000. The distance to the smelter is 57 miles. The ore will be hauled to Midway, a distance of 52 miles, and put on the train there and transported to the pyritic smelter, a distance of six miles. The cost of freight and treatment will be \$16 to the ton, but with \$90 ore there will be quite a margin of profit. The mine and its development cost \$45,000, but Mr. Sonnemann is certain that the 2,000 tons of ore which he will ship during the winter will pay for everything and leave a good margin besides.

Mr. Sonnemann is so pleased with the Carmi that he has secured a bond on the Butcher Boy, the May and the No. 3 mineral claims, and the No. 5 and No. 6 fractions which adjoin the Carmi, and which carry the extension of its ledge. The bond is for \$100,000. Several hundred claims have been located along the west fork of the Kettle river, but so far not much work has been done upon them, although there are a number which have excellent showings. Mr. Sonnemann says he is satisfied that this section will come rapidly to the front as soon as trains are running to the west.

THE RICHEST CARLOAD.

Twenty-three Tons from the I.X.L. Yield \$7,840.

Returns from the richest carload of ore ever sent from this camp have been received from the Northport smelter by Mr. Roy H. Clarke, manager of the Carmi. The ore was taken from No. 1 and No. 2 levels, and consisted of 23 tons. Two tons of this was very rich, and went \$3,830 to the ton, or a total of \$7,840 for the carload. The development of the newly discovered ledge continues with satisfactory results. The lower tunnel is in for a distance of 300 feet, and the work of crosscutting for the vein has been commenced. The I.X.L. is in very good shape. Mr. John S. Baker, the managing director of the I.X.L., has secured a bond on the O.K. property, which adjoins the I.X.L. Mr. Baker is expected here from Tacoma shortly, and it is thought he will, while here, begin the development of the O.K. This mine was formerly operated by the L.A.B. mining company, and considerable rich ore was extracted from it. The company got into financial difficulties and went through the process of liquidation, and the old National Bank of Spokane which was the principal creditor of the company, bought the property in when it was disposed of by the liquidator. Since then nothing has been done with it. There is a good stamp mill on the O.K. which Mr. Baker will double utilize for the reduction of the ore from both the O.K. and the I.X.L.

RICH ORE.

Half a Ton of Ore Which Will Yield Twelve Thousand Dollars.

Among the passengers who are expected to arrive here by the steamer Anam from Skagway on Monday next are P. Scharnschmidt and H. M. Price, two of the principals of the Gleaner Mine company. According to letters received here, the two Victorians will bring down half a ton of ore which is expected to yield \$12,000 in gold, at least Mr. Scharnschmidt has \$200 to say so. He has made a bet for that effect at Skagway, and should the 1,000 pounds of ore not yield the large amount which he expects that it will, he will pay over \$200 to those who "took him" at the Gateway City. Five sacks of this rich ore arrived at Skagway from the Gleaner mine, situated on Taku arm, on Thursday, Dec. 29. There was 600 pounds in this consignment, and 400 pounds was when the Skagway prepared for shipment to W. Peltey Harver to be tested. When the Danube sailed, H. M. Price and Mr. Scharnschmidt were on their way back over the ice from the mine with more ore, and they expect to bring down on the Anam 1,000 tons of the rich ore, which they claim will yield \$24,000 to the ton.—Victoria Colonist.

The White Bear.

The crosscut from the 350-foot level of the White Bear has been started and good progress is being made. The contract is let for 400 feet, which, as the distance to the vein found by means of the diamond drilling is only a little over 200 feet, will include drifting on the ledge when it is attained. At the present rate of progress early in February should see this pay shoot opened up.

THE MINING REVIEW.

The experience of the War Eagle and of the Roseland Great Western is being repeated on the Iron Mask. In this mine as in the others named, it is the experience of the operators to find that as depth is gained there are constantly come upon blind veins of varying width and values, which do not appear on the surface. This is hopeful, extremely hopeful for the camp. Therefore it is no surprise to see the chief mining company here taking advantage of the time which must elapse before the smelting accommodations are all ready to sink. On the No. 1, Josie, Le Roi, Roseland Great Western and Kootenay mines shafts are being carried down or are about to be started another couple of hundred feet. In all a thousand feet of sinking is being carried out and in each case the sinking is a three-compartment shaft with the exception of the Le Roi, where it is a five.

Two important strikes have been made during the past week. In the Le Roi No. 2 the crosscut driven from the 500-foot level of the Josie has intersected what is thought to be the ledge of the Annie at that depth. As the ledge dipping was known to be flattening somewhat the crosscut has met it a little quicker than it should have done until the flattening of the dip has been more pronounced. In the Iron Mask the crosscut is being run further to the south before a raise is made. This practically establishes the ledge as found above. Along the dip it should be some 540 feet in length and of an average width of ten feet. The length east and west is not known. The ore is of the values discovered above which went all over something between \$25 and \$30 to the ton, although there were some streaks which ran into several hundred dollars in value.

On the Iron Mask as is noted below an exceedingly fine body of ore has been discovered at the 400, 450 and 500-foot levels west which gives more than average values.

On the Nickel Plate on putting in timbers for a stope the vein was found to be closer to 30 feet than to 18 feet in width. The bond is for \$100,000. Several hundred claims have been located along the west fork of the Kettle river, but so far not much work has been done upon them, although there are a number which have excellent showings. Mr. Sonnemann says he is satisfied that this section will come rapidly to the front as soon as trains are running to the west.

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is the 400-foot level west. The vein has been opened north 30 feet from the foot wall but the hanging wall has not as yet been reached. The same body of ore has been found at the 450-foot level and also at the 500. In the former it has been crosscut and found to be 15 feet wide and in the latter the crosscut between the two walls is 20 feet in length. The ore is of exceptionally good average grade. In crosscutting for this ledge a blind vein has been found thus repeating the experience of the Le Roi, War Eagle and Nickel Plate. Just as soon as the mine is equipped with modern machinery, which will probably be installed within the next few months, the output will be dealt with in a more generous fashion, and the shipments will run into five figures for next year instead of into four as at the present.

Le Roi No. 2—The three-compartment shaft in the Josie which was being enlarged to the full width of the three compartments has been completed down to the 600-foot level. Sinking will be begun this week and will be continued down for 200 feet. There is little going on in the mine at present, it being kept back by the lack of facilities for the handling of its output. As noted above the crosscut into the Annie ground has located that valuable body of ore which adds a considerable percentage to the value of this property. Before this vein was discovered it was the statement of the general manager that the mine was capable of putting out 300 tons a day and this can now be increased. The completion on the Annie crosscut and raise will ventilate this mine very thoroughly down to the 500-foot level.

Roseland Great Western—The sinking of the shaft is still in hand and a depth of about 60 feet below the 600-foot level has been reached. On the fifth level a raise is being made on the ore body just south of the vertical shaft. While putting in timbers on the second level for the floor of a stope it was discovered that there was ore both in the hanging and in the foot walls. The surface of the work is altogether confined to the foundations for the new compressor plant. This should be well nigh finished, as far as the piers are concerned by next week. It is expected that the new plant will be ready for work by about the middle of February next.

I. X. L.—Work on the lower tunnel continues and crosscutting for the ledge has been commenced. Ore of a high grade is being stopped from the No. 1 and No. 2 levels. Returns from the last one sent to the smelter show that it was the richest carload ever sent out of this camp. Twenty-three tons went \$7,840. The management of the I. X. L. is so well pleased with the manner in which it is turning out that a bond has been secured on the adjoining property and the two mines will be operated under practically one management. The mill of the O. K. can be utilized to reduce the ores of both the O. K. and the I. X. L.

Northern Belle—The crosscut tunnel is in for a distance of 270 feet. The face of the crosscut is still in the ledge which has now been crosscut for a distance of 20 feet. The ledge carries moderate values and is a fine grained pyrrhotite in a quartz gangue. The formation is very hard and the progress of the work is therefore slow.

Evening Star—The winze has been completed to the 400-foot level and the work of opening up and drifting on the ore shoots encountered in the drift has been commenced. The showing of ore in the winze, which is 200 feet down from the level of the lower tunnel, is of a most satisfactory character.

Velvet—Work is progressing along the usual lines at the Velvet. The larger part of the 18-drill compressor plant has arrived from London and is at the Sheep Creek station. It will be hauled into the Velvet over the newly constructed road just as soon as a fresh fall of snow puts it in good condition.

Centre Star—This mine is still shipping steadily both from the stopes on the second level and from the stock pile on the surface. On the various levels development is in progress as is also the sinking of the shaft. On the surface the yard is still in hand and the machine and carpenter shops are being finished.

New St. Elmo—The north drift is in for 54 feet, and the ledge is about four feet wide, carrying fair values. There is considerable copper in this ore and some gold and silver. The south drift is in for a distance of 330 feet.

War Eagle—Work is still in abeyance on this mine as far as the output is concerned, owing to the building of the tramway. The shaft is being prosecuted as is the development of the eighth level and portions of the seventh.

Douglas-Hunter—Work on the lower tunnel continues, and the ore shoot on the vein, which was recently encountered, is still being drifted on and is proving more extensive than was at first supposed.

Kootenay Mines—The shaft is below the 1,000-foot level about 30 feet. Work is going on in the No. 6 and No. 5 levels. The crosscut to the Top Tip vein is also being prosecuted.

Roseland Bonanza—No special reports have reached the city from this mine this week. The tunnel, on the last reports, was in some 65 feet and should be now advanced five or six more.

Homestake—Work is progressing steadily and favorably in the tunnel from the Gopher, the same rate of about 30 to 35 feet a week is being maintained.

Spitzee—Shipments continue to be made and the ledge in the bottom of the shaft continues strong, while the ore is of a good grade.

Portland—Work on the shaft and tunnel continues.

THE PAYROLL.

Amount Expended for Labor in the Mines for the Past Month.

| Mine | Amount |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| B. A. C. properties | \$100,000 |
| War Eagle and Centre Star | 35,000 |
| Velvet and Portland | 8,000 |
| Iron Mask | 5,000 |
| I. X. L. | 5,000 |
| Evening Star | 4,000 |
| St. Elmo | 2,000 |
| Homestake | 2,000 |
| Giant | 1,000 |
| Spitzee | 1,000 |
| Other mines | 8,000 |
| Total | \$170,000 |

IN AN AVALANCHE.

Four Men Swept 150 Feet Down the Side of a Mountain.

Mr. J. Fred Ritchie has just returned from a trip through the Slooan and the section around Ymir. He was with J. B. Richard, a Belgian engineer, and the object was to examine the Mansfield properties location on the headwaters of the south fork of Kaelo creek, owned by French and English capitalists. Mr. Richard was sent from Paris to look over the ground for the owners, and it will depend entirely on his report whether any more money will be expended on the properties. Mr. Richard was very favorably impressed, not only with the property, but with the surrounding country, and his report to his principals will doubtless be favorable. He left for Paris and intends returning next summer. Mr. Richard is largely interested in South Africa and in Colorado.

While at the Mansfield properties four of the party, including Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Richards, J. P. Miller and Charles Plum, were carried 150 feet in a snow slide. The avalanche came down the side of the steep mountain to a point 200 feet above the trail. It came so quickly and so silently that the first realization of it was when they were being carried down the mountain side at incredible rapidity for a distance of 150 feet. Two of the party, Messrs. Miller and Plum, were imbedded in the snow. Miller was buried five feet and all that could be seen of Plum was the top of one of his hands. Fortunately Messrs. Ritchie and Richards were not buried and were able to quickly extricate themselves and they hurried to the assistance of their less fortunate companions. The snow was first taken away from Miller's head so that he could breathe, but he was black in the face when this was done and would have perished had there been a moment's more delay. Both of Miller's ears were frozen, while Plum was not injured in the least by his rough experience. The snow was packed so tightly around the train that it took fully an hour before they were finally extricated from their perilous position.

Accompanied by Mr. J. A. Turner of Nelson, Mr. Richards afterwards visited the Ymir mine, near Ymir, and was favorably impressed with what he saw there.

Mr. W. H. Jeffery, M. E., and Mr. Ritchie reported on the Mansfield property about two months since and their favorable report is now to be confirmed by Mr. Richards' report.

Visited the Centre Star.

Mr. Charles Schmidt of the California brewery of Butte, is in the city. Mr. Schmidt is largely interested in mines, both in Roseland and in Butte, and he came here for the purpose of looking after some of his holdings. Yesterday he visited the working of the Centre Star, and afterwards said he was simply amazed at the wonderful showing of ore in that mine.

Claims Bonded.

Messrs. Moore and Smith have bonded to an English syndicate two claims in the Goat River section for \$84,000. The consideration is to be paid partly in cash and partly in stock. The ore assays \$64 to the ton, and the ledge, which can be traced through both claims, is about 25 feet wide. These claims adjoin the famous Harris group, which has been bonded to a syndicate made up of San Francisco and New York capitalists. Mike Shick of this city assisted considerably in putting the deal through.

Operates in Nelson.

Mr. A. L. Thurston of Nelson is in the city. He operates extensively in mines, and sold the Chapleau group to the French syndicate which now owns it, and he also sold the Joker and other properties to Mr. Ernest Marshfield.

Mrs. John Honeyman and children left for the coast last night, where they will spend some weeks preparatory to a visit to England.

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Eminent nose and throat specialists in daily practice highly recommend Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder as safe, sure, permanent, painless and harmless, in all cases of Cold in the Head, Catarrhs, Headache and Catarrh. It gives relief in 10 minutes and banishes the disease like magic—12 Sold by Goodeve Bros.

NOTICE.

The Columbia and Western Railway Company will apply to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an act extending the time within which it may construct its railways and works, also authorizing the company to own and operate steam and other vessels for the carriage of freight and passengers on any route connected with any of its railways, and appointing Montreal as the place for its head office, with power to the directors from time to time to change it by by-law, and for other purposes.

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The Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company will apply to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an act extending the time within which it may construct its railways and works, also authorizing the company to own and operate steam and other vessels for the carriage of freight and passengers on any route connected with any of its railways, and appointing Montreal as the place for its head office, with power to the directors from time to time to change it by by-law, and for other purposes.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice.

Velvet Fraction No. 1 mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: On the west slope of Sophie mountain.

Take notice that I, Kenneth L. Burnet (agent for the Velvet (Roseland) Mine, Limited, F. M. C. No. B 45,340), free miner's certificate No. B 34,110, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this twenty-fourth day of October, A.D., 1900.

10-25-11 KENNETH L. BURNET.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice.

Bluebell mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: On the west slope of Sophie mountain.

Take notice that I, Kenneth L. Burnet (agent for the New Goldfields of British Columbia, Limited, F. M. C. No. B 34,174), free miner's certificate No. B 31,110, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this twenty-fourth day of October, A.D., 1900.

10-25-11 KENNETH L. BURNET.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice.

Leinster Light mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: Near the city of Roseland, adjoining the Montreal mineral claim.

Take notice that I, Samuel L. Long acting as agent for Joseph B. McArthur, S. Gilmour, free miner's certificate, B39887; Patrick Burns, free miner's certificate, B38335, and Samuel L. Long, free miner's certificate No. B31476, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this thirteenth day of December, A. D. 1900.

SAMUEL L. LONG, P. L. S.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice.

Gorilla mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Lookout mountain, adjoining the Iron mineral claim.

Take notice that I, N. F. Townsend, acting as agent for Herman L. A. Keller, F. M. C. No. B 36377, Albert L. A. Keller, F. M. C. No. B 36378 and Frederick S. Algiers, F. M. C. No. B 29084, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 8th day of December, A. D. 1900.

12-13-10. N. F. TOWNSEND.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice.

Homestake, Park, Skylark, Gray (Copper), Falls View and Victoria, mineral claims, situate in the Goat River Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On the forks of Priest River about twenty miles west of Rykerts.

Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for the British Columbia (Roseland and Slooan) Syndicate, Limited, free miner's certificate No. B 41,161, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 13th day of December, A. D. 1900.

12-13-10. F. A. WILKIN.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice.

Cruiser mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: About four miles southwest of Roseland, to the west of Little Sheep creek, south of Silica.

Take notice that I, F. W. Rolt, free miner's certificate No. B 41,071, acting as agent for the owners, viz., J. W. Thornton, F. M. C. B 45,075; D. F. Johnston, F. M. C. B 41,073, and M. A. Graves, F. M. C. B 31,187, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this fourteenth day of November, A. D. 1900.

12-13-10. F. W. ROLT.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENT.

Notice.

Violet, Grey Eagle, Good Hope and North Star mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: On the northeast slope of Columbia mountain.

Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for the British Columbia (Roseland & Slooan) Syndicate, Limited, free miner's certificate No. B 41,161, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 18th day of October, A.D., 1900.

10-18-10. F. A. WILKIN.

NOTICE TO DELINQUENT OWNERS.

To George H. Godfrey, or to any person or persons to whom he may have transferred his interest in the Townsme mineral claim, situate near Roseland in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District in the Province of British Columbia.

You are hereby notified that I have expended three hundred dollars (\$300) in labor and improvements upon the above mentioned mineral claim in order to hold said mineral claim under the provisions of the "Statute Act" and amending acts, and if within ninety (90) days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your portion of such expenditure, together with all costs of advertising, your interest in the said mineral claim will become the property of the undersigned, under section 4 of the mineral act, amended act, 1900.

Dated at Roseland, B. C., this 13th day of December, A. D. 1900.

12-13-10. GEORGE E. PFUNDER.

NOTICE.

Roseland, B.C., Nov. 9, 1900.

To F. B. Salisbury:

Notice is hereby given that I, Wm. Griffiths, intend to claim the one-fourth (1/4) interest in the "Olive" mineral claim, situate on the west side of Sullivan creek, in the Trail Creek mining district, formerly held by F. B. Salisbury, on which I have done all the assessment work for the past three years, and for which I have paid the assessment, and for which I have also paid the expenses of the said F. B. Salisbury, free miner's certificate, B38335, and Samuel L.

RED MOUNTAIN LOSES CASE

Real Cause of the Quarrel--The Smelter and Transportation Facilities--Legal Tender and Packtrain--What Surface Rights Are--Cards in the Game.

The application for an injunction made by the Red Mountain and the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Land company against the Canadian Pacific under the title of the Columbia and Western, made before Mr. Justice Walkem in supreme court Thursday for the purpose of restraining the latter from doing any more work upon the side hill of the Le Roi, and so continuing the switch from the Centre Star ore bins down to the machinery on the Black Bear, failed. The Columbia & Western can do a portion of the work, but cannot do others. It can traverse the ground covered by the Pack Train mineral claim, or the Le Roi (Black Bear), but is restrained from doing so upon the Nick of Time, Pearl Fraction or Annie.

The essence of the whole fight now on between the two railway lines is the desire of both to gain access to the Centre Star and War Eagle. This came out during the proceedings at the sittings of the court through a direct question asked by Mr. Justice Walkem. According to the plans and affidavits filed in court the Red Mountain desired to put in a double switchback which would not only have taken up the track to the Centre Star, but would also have done so to the upper track of the Columbia & Western running to the Le Roi mine. This would have enabled both the Centre Star and the War Eagle to have sent their ores for smelting purposes to the Northport or other smelters situated along the line of the Red Mountain or any of its connections.

The affidavits also showed on the part of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Land company, that they owned the surface rights of the Legal Tender (Pack Train), Nick of Time, Pearl Fraction and Annie, and had also been granted permission by the Le Roi company to go over their land. It was upon these affidavits that J. L. G. Abbott, solicitor for the defense, joined issue. Cross-examination of Mr. F. W. Bobbett divulged the fact that the title of the land company to the Legal Tender had been obtained from the owners of that property, over which litigation had been going on for a number of years. Lately the Pack Train, another name for the same mineral claim, had endeavored to get a crown grant with an injunction. This injunction had been defeated in the courts at Victoria, and there had thereupon been made another application for a crown grant, which, as no notice of appeal had been given, was granted.

Bobbett said that there was now no litigation pending by way of a petition of right in order to contest the validity of the crown grant. In the meantime the title to the land in question was not vested in the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Land company and in consequence they had no ground on which to stay the work of grading being done by the Columbia & Western railway on this portion of land, which is that lying just beyond the end of the switch to the War Eagle and Centre Star ore bins.

The next ground over which the proposed line is to run is the Pearl Fraction. In this there seemed to be no flaw in the title of the applicants for the injunction. The next ground is that belonging to the Nick of Time. Now it was made apparent that the Nick of Time had been sold to the Copper Queen company, and it at first appeared that the applicants were in the correct position with regard to the title to the Nick of Time. But it turned out that the sale of the Nick of Time did not include that part of the claim over which the railway passes, and which is situated at the extreme north end of the claim. Hence the title, as far as attacked, was sustained.

Next came the question of the Le Roi. Here the Red Mountain railway swore that it had obtained permission to cross this property from the mining company owning the land. This brought out a curious legal point on which Mr. Justice Walkem, expressing his opinion, gave the decision against the applicants. It seemed, according to the learned judge, that of the properties which were crown granted under any of the three methods which have and have been in vogue in the province, have more than a temporary right to the surface. These companies can use the land for the erection of mining buildings, for the storage of ore, for cutting timber, for use in the mine, but for no other purpose. They cannot alienate it. They have no right to sell a foot of the ground. The learned judge cited the case on the coast where the old hospital had endeavored to transfer its fee simple to the Jubilee, but which afterwards being fought out, the title to the land did not include the words "heirs, successors and assigns," without which there was no perfect title, and the fee simple, the power to alienate, and was therefore not vested under the conditions. Every crown grant in the country was in this position, and it was immaterial to alienate. Hence the Le Roi company had given the stated permission. That company had no power to grant such permission. Hence the title to the land under which the applicants were suing was as far as the present basis, was concerned, defective. As in the case of the Pack Train, not owning the land they had no right to attempt to restrain any one else from passing over it.

The title to the surface rights of the Annie was apparently in order and thus the injunction was granted as far as the Annie, Nick of Time and Pearl Fraction were concerned, but was dissolved as far as the Le Roi and the Legal Tender were concerned.

Hence the C. P. R. intend starting work this morning upon the Legal Tender or Pack Train and upon the Le Roi. But there exists a hiatus between the two places, filled by the Nick of Time. On this the C. & W. can do no work but unless this part of the line is also graded the company now holding can obtain no access to the Black Bear.

On the other hand, the Red Mountain are entirely precluded from running a continuation of their line up to the Centre Star and War Eagle. So far, inasmuch as the Red Mountain are estopped of their claim, their adversary has the best of the matter. But the matter will not rest here. No notification has been given of the future proceedings but it is by no means improbable that the matter will be carried before the railway committee at Ottawa. A similar case was before the committee with reference to the Bonner's Ferry railroad, where the Great Northern was given running rights as they had no means of getting in a line of their own. There is something in the fact which applies to a switch, but according to the act a switch has to be under the proposed extension in the case of the Columbia & Western runs over 4,000 lineal feet.

All this may be said to form a part of the quarrel of the water rights in which the city has had unwillingly to take a part. The trouble arises over the contract between the War Eagle and the Trail smelter. Mr. Blackstock stated openly that he did not desire to fulfil this contract, as in his opinion the Trail smelter people were asking for too much. Hence the endeavor of the War Eagle to get the water rights over the creeks to the north of the city in order that if no terms could be arrived at with the Trail people the company would be in a position to build a smelter of its own to the north of the city. But under the name of the British Columbia Southern railway the Canadian Pacific forestalled the mining companies at Nelson in November last. As another card to play the War Eagle and Centre Star was wishful of getting the Red Mountain line in touch with their properties so that there would be an alternative route to ship and an alternative smelter to ship to in the event of the water right question going against them. By the action of yesterday the whole matter seems to be hung up. The Red Mountain is foiled in its main object and its intention, to run the line on a route through the Annie and over towards the west side of Red Mountain in order to get connection with the Velvet and with a smelter built to the north of Red Mountain, injunction obtained as to the Annie and Nick of Time will effectually preclude the prosecution of any such scheme.

Should the Canadian Pacific endeavor to get a branch through Centre Star gulch the Red Mountain, it is understood, possess a piece of land right in that gulch which may discommode their rivals considerably especially if they determine to run an electric line through the gulch themselves in order to tap the Centre Star and War Eagle or to convey the ore of those mines to a smelter to the north of town.

It will be seen that the cards are by no means wholly within one hand and the end of the little game that is being played just now is not yet in sight, unless the rival parties come to some amicable terms of their own accord. A side issue of the case which may have some important results is the opinion of the learned judge as to the rights of the owners of a crown granted mineral property to alienate their surface rights. In this city this would throw some strong clouds on the validity of certain titles now thought to be undisputed.

Next came the question of the Le Roi. Here the Red Mountain railway swore that it had obtained permission to cross this property from the mining company owning the land. This brought out a curious legal point on which Mr. Justice Walkem, expressing his opinion, gave the decision against the applicants. It seemed, according to the learned judge, that of the properties which were crown granted under any of the three methods which have and have been in vogue in the province, have more than a temporary right to the surface. These companies can use the land for the erection of mining buildings, for the storage of ore, for cutting timber, for use in the mine, but for no other purpose. They cannot alienate it. They have no right to sell a foot of the ground. The learned judge cited the case on the coast where the old hospital had endeavored to transfer its fee simple to the Jubilee, but which afterwards being fought out, the title to the land did not include the words "heirs, successors and assigns," without which there was no perfect title, and the fee simple, the power to alienate, and was therefore not vested under the conditions. Every crown grant in the country was in this position, and it was immaterial to alienate. Hence the Le Roi company had given the stated permission. That company had no power to grant such permission. Hence the title to the land under which the applicants were suing was as far as the present basis, was concerned, defective. As in the case of the Pack Train, not owning the land they had no right to attempt to restrain any one else from passing over it.

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Col., which have added hundreds of millions to the mineral production of the United States. Without a railway, owing to the difficult nature of the country, it has been impossible to make large shipments, but sufficient ore has been shipped this year to convince, not only the C.P.R., but also the Great Northern railway, of the wisdom of building into the Lardeau and both companies have graded their road beds side by side for a distance of 16 miles. The federal government granted the Great Northern railway a subsidy of \$3,200 a mile for 30 miles of their road, and that company may also be expected to resume work whenever the C.P.R. begins. The resources of the country have attracted the attention of the British Columbia government, and after careful investigation on the part of the Provincial mineralogist, a grant of \$6,000 was voted at the last session of the house of assembly at Victoria, to assist the Lavina-Butte company to build a wagon road to its mine. Owing to the delay in building the railway this road has not been built, but in view of the decision to start work on the railways, the Miner is informed by Mr. McKane, the president of the Lavina-Butte company, that the road will be constructed in order that shipments of ore may be made from the Lavina and other mines next season.

Altogether the outlook for the whole Lardeau country is bright and full of promise. That the district will attract great deal of attention next year is beyond question. The renewed interest has given an impetus to mining development, and there is more activity in this respect than ever before. In the Lardeau-Duncan the best developed property is the Lavina-Butte, which has been opened up by 1,200 feet of tunnels and uprisings, and has a large ore reserve ready for shipment. An adjoining property, the Lost Mountain, has also been developed by 700 feet of tunnels, and a number of smaller properties have been opened up. A little further north the Bannockburn, and the properties of the Gold Hills company, have been actively worked during the past year. There are many promising prospects in this district, and the gold has yielded in quantity and value. It is known that the Lardeau river, which drains the Lardeau-Duncan country, produced a large amount of placer gold in the '60s, when the Cariboo excitement first attracted attention to British Columbia, and in the Lardeau gold values associated with the silver-lead ore are higher—particularly in the cases of the properties named—than in the Slokan or East Kootenay.

Besides these properties, however, there are also the Old Gold, Primrose, Guinea Gold, Truine, Silver Cup, and a number of other groups near Ferguson City, all of which will be tapped by the proposed railways—and many of them are now in a position to ship. With this in mind, it is more fully developed and tested, both as to the extent and permanency of its deposits, than was the Slokan before the Lardeau and Slokan railway was built in 1895. Perhaps this accounts for the fact that the Lardeau, after years of waiting, is now to have two railways, thus ensuring competition as to freight rates, which must be an inestimable boon to the mining district of the whole district. Assuredly an era of great prosperity has dawned, and this will be hailed with pleasure in Rossland, where a number of our mining operators are largely interested in many of the most promising properties, on which they have already expended large sums in development work.

B. A. C. SHARES.

A London Solution of the Present Heavy Drop in the Value of Stock.

In our issue of October 27th we referred in detail to the many rumors which were current in the market concerning the B. A. C. and the subsidiaries of the B. A. C. Apparently there was much truth in these reports, for in connection with the inspired paragraphs which have appeared this week in the financial press concerning the latest flotation of the London and Globe, hints of amalgamations are thrown out in connection with the B. A. C. and its subsidiaries. While frankly stating that the rumors are not to be taken as fact, the whole position is artificial. If the public had really subscribed the million and a half of capital in connection with the flotation of the Le Roi No. 2, Rossland Great, Western, and Kootenay Mining companies, the B. A. C. would today have £1,250,000 in hand cash in its coffers, and the shares would stand at a high premium. The public did not subscribe to any appreciable extent, and therefore, in order to off-load these shares, amalgamations and share-bonuses are being carefully planned. The Le Roi No. 2 may be put on the original Le Roi shareholders, as we mentioned a month ago, and we are told that the first indications of this maneuver will be the rise of the Le Roi to £10. As there seems to be some hitch in the Le Roi title, it is likely to be a few weeks, so that the manipulation of the B. A. C. will probably be attended to first. Exactly what form this will take it is hard to suggest, as there are so many methods possible. The most satisfactory, but not the most likely, would be to liquidate the B. A. C., which has served its purpose, and to distribute shares in the subsidiaries to its shareholders. The rumor that owing to the non-success of the Bal Street and Waterloo railway issue the funds of the B. A. C. would be commandeered need not be taken seriously. It is impossible to commandeer what does not exist. The rumor was started merely to give some reason for the low price of the shares when the corporation was supposed to have so large a sum of £1,250,000 in cash at its disposal. The low price of B. A. C. is due to very simple causes. The amalgamation is not quite ready, and until it is these shares will remain below par—London (B. C.) Review.

A cable from London yesterday stated that there was a panic on in the London market and that the Le Roi had fallen to 25 1/2 shillings and B. A. C.'s to 11 shillings 6 pence per share. Local holders say that recent small reverses to the British arms in South Africa, the usual stringency in the London market that occur previous to the holidays and the fact that the government is talking of heavily taxing the output of the Transvaal mines in order to aid in paying the expenses of the war, have together combined to produce a fall in the shares of this and other sections.

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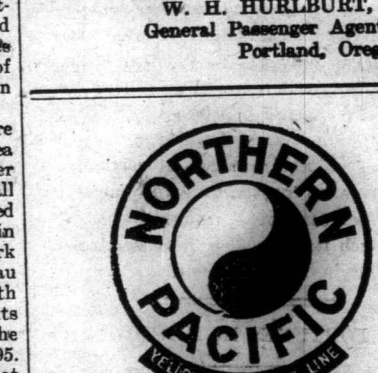
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BAZAAR AT MINERS' UNION HALL

SALE OF WORK BY THE LADIES OF ST. GEORGE.

Who Were Present and What Was Done. The High Tea and the Stalls—The Finale of the Proceedings in Evening.

The sale of work inaugurated and carried out by the ladies of the Guild of St. George, assisted by the ladies of the congregation generally, came off yesterday in the Miners' Union hall, beautified for the occasion. It was an extremely successful undertaking and although the ladies who took part in the work were very tired when the sale was over, yet they had enjoyed themselves so much that they were none too tired to attend the proceedings with an unimpaired dance.

The feature of the sale was the high tea. This was really a good square meal with all kinds of trimmings that set off the tables and the menu. There was turkey and ham, chickens and trifles, jellies and galantines, cakes and side dishes enough to eat and to spare. Served with the meal were coffee and tea, made, it was declared, with justice, exceptionally well.

The whole affair was under the management of Mrs. Doultbe and Mrs. Martin, assisted by Miss Harris and Miss Kinnear. The kitchen was tiny and the carving was difficult under the circumstances and a peep behind the scenes or screens revealed the fact that in this masculine part of the duties the hostesses had commanded the services of a so-called lord of creation. The tables were five in number and were each differently decorated and each in charge of separate waitresses whom it was forbidden (by placard) to tip.

The first table was presided over by Mrs. Falding, helped by Miss Falding and Miss Helen Falding. The next was that of Mrs. Ferris, who was helped by Miss Will, Miss Wood and Miss K. Boulbee. The third was that under the charge of Mrs. McInnes and Mrs. Walker. The fourth was looked after by Mrs. and Miss Benwick and at the head of the hall the last table was under the control of Mrs. Dr. McKenzie, who was helped by Mrs. Meyer and Miss Marshall. Which was the best patronized table would be hard to say since all seemed full from the commencement of the high tea.

The ladies seemed to be in a very good mood and as all were enjoying themselves, despite any little weariness, naturally none complained. But there was no mistake about the excellent way in which the meal was served and the general neatness and celerity of the service, and all admitted that the ladies deserved all kinds of credit.

Proceeding the high tea was an afternoon collation in which tea and cake was served to the weary shoppers. It is understood that the meals paid very well and after an accounting is made it is expected that it will be found that quite a little sum was cleared as net profit.

The stall at the head of the hall was the paper stall at which only those goods were sold which were made of paper. There were paper flowers, sunflowers, and chrysanthemums forming extensive pronounced and effective bouquets which seemed to be the fashion as the evening wore on. Besides these there were lamp shades, butterflies, Xmas tree decorations, electric light shades and a dozen more varieties, all made by the ladies of the stall. There was very little left at the end of the evening and the ladies declared that they had cleared over \$50.

The charge of this stall was in the hands of Mrs. Dr. McKenzie and of Mrs. White, who were assisted by Miss Ruff, Miss Marshall and Miss Meyer. All the saleswomen were dressed in uniform which consisted of a paper coated hat ornamented with paper chrysanthemums and the effect heightened by the beauty spots or patches after the style of the reigning belles of the last days of the French monarchy.

The next stall was fancy work and was presided over by Mrs. Tuttle and Mrs. Falding. There were of all kind of art things upon show. One very handsome art needlework cushion was sold for \$10, the work of the ladies themselves, and an order was given for another. Besides these, there were plenty of smaller articles and by the end of the evening it was found that the two ladies had taken the most successful, as they had taken in \$70.

The next table was the needlework table consisting of all kinds of useful articles made more for wear than for show. This stall was inspired by Mrs. C. E. Simpson and Mrs. Yates and cleared \$40.

The next booth was that of the children, where all the articles exposed for sale had been made by the children of the church. The sale was looked after by Mrs. Burritt and Mrs. Bennett and daughter. There were some astonishingly pretty things and cleverly made articles which did great credit to the children and it is not astonishing that the children did as well as turned out, the sum realized being just about \$30.

Then in the corner of the hall came the doll table. Here were hosts of dolls, rag dolls and china dolls, aristocrats and Cinderellas. All seemed to be in demand and quite a little crowd of children thronged the counter throughout the afternoon and evening. The ladies selling were Miss Gummeter, Miss Doultbe and Mrs. Townsend, who were helped by Mrs. C. St. L. Mackintosh. Upwards of \$40 was taken in.

Last but not the least important was the candy stall, placed right in the centre of the hall. There was no lack of customers here and the candies which were all home-made, were all sold out. The ladies who made and sold the sweets were Mrs. Galt, Mrs. Fortin and Miss Lave. The sum of \$32.80 was got in, all of which was clear profit, as there were no expenses.

Thus taking in the profits of the tea tables, which can only be estimated, as there were persistent little vendors of tickets all over the hall, the total sum taken in which can be called net profit was about \$250 to \$300, all of which is to go to the building fund of the church, which now must approximate \$2,000 or more.

After all the debris had been cleared away two or three of the young ladies volunteered to play among whom were Miss Kinnear and Miss Meyer, and dancing was started and kept up till nearly midnight, the ladies being too tired to prolong it any further.

INTERVIEW WITH GALLIHER.

Member-Elect on Oriental and Lead Smelting Questions.

W. A. Galliher has been interviewed regarding his election. He said to the Tribune: "I expected from the start to win the contest and my belief never wavered, although at times the horizon darkened and the prospect was none too bright." Speaking of the Oriental and lead smelting matters, both of which were made issues in the campaign, Mr. Galliher said: "I purpose making a special and exhaustive study of the lead question with a view to ascertaining the importance of stimulating the home reduction of lead ores and the best methods of achieving this result. Upon the report of the commission now inquiring into the Mongolian problem will depend the action taken by Parliament. If the report is strongly worded and backed by undoubted statistics, the hands of the members who are seeking to bring about a new order of things in regard to Chinese and Japanese immigration will be very materially strengthened. One thing we will have to fight is the apathy of easterners on the question. The average man from an eastern constituency has no conception of the conditions existing in the west in regard to the Chinese immigration question and considerable education will be required to win them to our way of thinking." All members of the local militia corps and others in the constituency will be glad to note Mr. Galliher's return. He is an old military man, having fought through the Sudan campaign of 1885 with the corps of Canadian voyageurs and afterward held a lieutenant's commission in the Nelson Rifle company.

The new buildings at the C. P. R. depot are well on to completion and it seems likely that they will be ready for occupation by January as scheduled. The passenger and freight buildings are receiving finishing touches which will take all of December to finish. The roundhouse is practically completed and is in daily use.

Bank Amalgamation.

The Bank of British Columbia has sent out notices stating that the proposed amalgamation with the Canadian Bank of Commerce will take place on the first of January.

The Bank of British Columbia has six offices on the Pacific coast and four in the interior of British Columbia, with its head office in London. The Canadian Bank of Commerce, with head office in Canada, including those at Dawson, White Horse and Atlin, and branches in the United States at New York, New Orleans, Skagway and Seattle. The whole of these sixty-nine branches and the office in London will henceforth be carried on by the Canadian Bank of Commerce, the general management being centered at Toronto.

The capital of the Bank of British Columbia is \$2,000,000 (\$2,920,000); that of the Canadian Bank of Commerce \$6,000,000. The capital of the bank after amalgamation will be \$8,000,000, with a rest or surplus fund of \$2,000,000. The resources of the bank from capital, rest deposits and circulation will exceed \$55,000,000.

Night Train Delayed.

The night train from Spokane, due at 7 a.m. yesterday, did not arrive at the Red Mountain depot yesterday until 2 p.m. The cause was a slide of mud and sand in Hendrick's cut, south of Northport. This covered the track for a considerable distance and had to be removed before the train could proceed. It took the section hands seven hours to clear the track.

A SMALL FIRE.

A Threatening Conflagration Quickly Gotten Under Control at the International.

There was an alarm of fire yesterday afternoon at the International, at about 3:30 p.m., which caused a turnout of the Fire department but which was put out quickly by the international people before the Fire brigade arrived and the water was turned on. Between the rooms of A. Klockmann and his nephew, in the southwest angle of the building, on the second floor, is situated a little cubicle with a window opening into the alley and a door from each room opening into it. Floating in private means of communication between the chambers. In this recess was placed a coal stove so that both rooms could get heated. The cubicle was not plastered, but was finished in cheesecloth and paper. It would seem that the stove got overheated and so blew apart the pipe carrying off the smoke into the brick chimney, or that by some means the pipe worked loose at the elbow. The first intimation was smoke coming out into the lane from the window of the cubicle. The alarm was given at the bar, and the bartender, Ernie Plass, an old fireboy, instantly rushed to the scene, uncoupling the hose provided on the first floor, turning on the water and taking it through Mr. Klockmann's room, played it upon the fire, which was quickly extinguished.

In the meantime, the fire alarm being given, the fireboys turned out and were quickly upon the scene. When Chief Guthrie arrived he found that the fire was all done with the exception of a little which had begun to smoulder in the space between ceiling and floor. When this was put out by the tearing down of a board, the whole danger was over. Both the management and the Fire department are loud in praise of the promptitude of the action taken by Ernie Plass, who, for the third time since he has been with the International, has extinguished a dangerous conflagration.

The damage done by fire is wholly confined to the little recess, which can be refitted at little cost. The damage done by the water, though minimized by the turning of the hose out of the window as soon as the fire was got under, is considerably greater. Mr. Klockmann's room was very well finished and was furnished well. Much irreparable damage was done both to the furniture and to the finishing by the water, and it is probable that the room cannot be fixed up as before under an expenditure of several hundred dollars. This will, however, be partly covered by insurance.

AN ACCIDENT.

Foreman Webster of the Centre Star Gets His Leg Broken in a Stope.

At 9:30 last evening Foreman Paul Webster of the Centre Star mine was making his usual round visiting the different parties of men at work in various parts of the mine. While inspecting one of the smaller stopes there came a sudden run of rock and the foreman was not able to get out of its way in time to prevent his being pinned. A large rock struck him, and throwing him down, broke his right leg below the knee. He was at once taken to the Sister's hospital and the limb was set by Drs. Boves and Kenning, who were there in attendance. There are no complications and no internal injuries have been sustained and as Mr. Webster is a strong man the accident will not prove dangerous, merely confining him to his couch for a few weeks. It is not the intention to leave him in the hospital, as he has a home in the city where he can be well looked after.

ROSSLAND BONANZA.

Foreman Brailo has sent in word from the mine that the tunnel is now in 78 feet and as far as can be judged from the appearance there has been no change since the 66 feet station. There the ledge was found to be six feet wide of which one-half average is \$38 and the remainder \$15. The values are nearly wholly in gold.

FIFTY TONS A DAY.

The Shipments From the Sullivan in East Kootenay.

Mr. Charles H. Wolf of Spokane, of the Sullivan Group Mining company, was in the city yesterday. He has just returned from the Sullivan group, which is situated on St. Mary's river, in East Kootenay, west of Fort Steele. The group consists of the Skylock, Hamlet and Hope mineral

MANLY FOR MAYOR

Citizens of Grand Forks Want Him to Accept a Third Term. A Progressive Man.

Grand Forks, B. C., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—In response to a largely signed and representative requisition Mayor Lloyd A. Manley has decided to offer himself as a candidate for re-election at the approaching municipal elections. The opinion is generally expressed that a third term will enable him to add the finishing touches to a progressive municipal policy inaugurated during his first administration.

The requisition reads as follows: "We, the undersigned residents of the city of Grand Forks, respectfully request you to offer yourself again as a candidate for the mayoralty for the following among other reasons: "During the two terms you have served as mayor the progress of the city has been rapid. It has grown from a mere hamlet to a city of considerable importance. Capital has been attracted and has been invested, and we fully appreciate that to some extent this has been due to your administration of civic affairs and to a large extent still to your personal efforts on behalf of the city."

"We recognize that we have to thank you in a large measure for the efficient water service and fire protection which we enjoy and which is now second to none in any city of the west. Your own personal gifts in this regard are evidences to us, not only of your generosity, but of the active interest you take in the welfare of the city."

"During your terms of office many capitalists, public men and visitors of importance have been graciously and hospitably entertained by you. Since we are dependent so entirely upon outside capital, the importance of receiving and entertaining properly is a very important one in the interests of the city."

"The year 1901 will probably be an era-making year in the history of Grand Forks. Present appearances indicate rapid advancement and we feel that the city can not afford to allow you to withdraw from your position as mayor. We therefore urge upon you to offer yourself as a candidate for the mayoralty of Grand Forks for the year 1901, and pledge ourselves to give you our support."

IN SUMMIT CAMP.

Two Well Known Properties Bonded by Chicago Company.

Grand Forks, B.C., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—John Dorsey, during his recent visit to Chicago, organized a development company which has just bonded two well known Summit camp properties, the J.S. and Blue Bell. The former is owned by James Javelle and Henry Sibly, the amount of the bond being \$27,000. The Blue Bell, which adjoins the J.S. on the north, is owned by Wm. Shaw, Chris McDonald and Thos. Stack. The amount of the bond is \$40,000. Development work will be commenced this week. The J.S. has a 45-foot shaft and 57 feet of drift. There is a 30-foot shaft and several open cuts in the Blue Bell, all the workings being in one. The R. Bell, which was acquired several months ago by Jay P. Graves, has now all the earmarks of a mine. The main shaft, now down 125 feet, is being sunk to a depth of 200 feet. A vast amount of drifting has been done.

A private report from New York states that R. A. Brown of Grand Forks has succeeded there in raising a large amount of capital for pushing development in the Sunset mine, on Copper mountain, Similkameen district.

The Athelstane mine, Wellington camp, has been bonded for \$150,000 to Eastern capitalists. It has shipped over 1,000 tons of ore to the Trail smelter.

From the Enterprise.

R. J. McPhee, superintendent of the Enterprise mine, is in the city today on a flying business trip, says the Nelson Tribune. He is in charge of the Ten-Mile creek property which mining men have predicted will yet become the biggest profit controlled by the London & British Columbia Gold Fields. At present a comprehensive program of development is being carried out, and the crew is not as large as will be the case when the company can utilize them when they commence shipping. The next move in the history of the Enterprise will undoubtedly be the construction of a mill, but the company has not issued any statement to indicate when the concentrator will be erected, but as the ore body is extended constantly the date is probably not far distant, particularly as expert estimates place the value of ore in sight at \$1,000,000.

FIRE ALARM.

The New System Inaugurated and Will Be Placed in Operation Today.

The new fire alarm system has been completed and the dozen new fire alarm boxes have been placed in position. The circuit will be opened today and the whole system placed in operation. New wires, which are insulated, have been strung all over the city, and they have been placed above the other wires, so that any new additions to the system will not cause any interference with those above. Another good thing effected by the change is that the danger of the wires above breaking down under the weight of snow and thus breaking down the alarm wires has been done away with.

The boxes are placed thus: Five on Columbia avenue, at the corners of Davis, Spokane, Washington, St. Paul and Butte streets; one on First avenue and Butte street; four on Second avenue, at the corner of Spokane, Earl, Washington and St. Paul streets; two on Fourth avenue, at the corners of Spokane and St. Paul streets; three on Le Roi avenue, at the corners of Davis, and Georgia streets; two on Kootenai avenue, on the corners of Spokane and St. Paul streets; one on Cook avenue and Washington street, one on Thompson avenue and Davis street, and one on Union avenue and Earl street.

ON MINING BUSINETS.

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Holder of British Columbia and Republic mining stocks please send your name and address. We have to refuse orders for these goods every day because we cannot fill them.

Mining Stocks

16,686 Referendum, bid. 1,000 Bornite Bank, 5 cents. 1,500 Lardene Mines, Limited, 5 cents. 2,000 Red Mountain View, 2 cents. 3,000 Oro Denoro, 5 1/2 cents. 10,000 Giant, 2 3/4 cents. 5,000 Venus, 16 cents. 1,000 Strawberry, 8 1/2 cents. 10,000 Kathmullen, bid. 4,000 Old Gold, 6 cents. 1,000 O. K. Republic, bid. 5,000 Mother Lode, Burnt Basin, 4 3/4.

These are all excellent properties, but the most of them are temporarily closed down, owing to the tightness of mining finances the past year. We would say now is the time to look for such snaps.

5,000 Salmo Consolidated. This stock two years ago, when the mine closed down, was worth 20c, and stock is just as good now as ever. The company is again going to start work soon and no doubt the stock will go to its old price and beyond. Give us a bid on this lot.

We have for sale two excellent stock properties, one is a gold and silver property, averaging \$65, ledge seven feet wide, one mile from transportation. The other is 15 per cent. copper and \$4 gold, on Copper mountain, Similkameen.

Any person desirous of getting properties, please communicate with us; we can suit you in quality, price and terms. Reports and samples forwarded on application.

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5-ROOMED HOUSE.

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and Ecuador. He has just sent the C. D. Lane, a steamship, to Guayaquil, Ecuador, with 1,000,000 feet of ties. These are to be used in the construction of a railway to mines in which Mr. Lane is interested. Mr. Klous expects to be here for the next month or so.

NORTH AMERICAN COMPANY. Directors Authorized to Mortgage Assets of the Company.

A special meeting of the stockholders was held today at the office of the company, in South Queen street, to confirm the resolution of an extraordinary general meeting held on the 8th of December, as follows:

"That the directors be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue debentures to the extent of \$6,000, bearing interest at 6 per centum per annum, payable in one year from date of issue, and debentures to be secured by first mortgage upon the entire assets and real and personal property of the company, and to sell or dispose of the same as the said directors may deem expedient, and that the directors be further authorized to execute and deliver necessary deed of trust, to appoint trustee or trustees for the debenture holders, and to do all necessary things in connection with the issue of said debentures."

There were 1,107,000 shares represented in person and by proxy, and the resolution was duly ratified and confirmed.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. If Sent From Canada to the United States Duty Must Be Paid.

Mr. J. E. Daniels, United States collector of customs of Northport, was in the city yesterday on a business visit. He said that there seems to be a mistaken idea of some people that Christmas gifts can be sent from Canada into the United States without paying duty. This is not true as the United States collector of customs has sent into that country from abroad. The duty on goods sent from this city must be prepaid to Mr. Daniels at Northport. Mr. J. H. Crichett, the customs house broker at Northport, will attend to clearing goods sent from here and packages consigned to him will receive proper attention and be forwarded to their destination. A good many presents were sent last Christmas from Canada to the United States soldiers fighting in the Philippines. Mr. Daniels wrote to the department at Washington asking if they could not be allowed to go through free of duty. The department replied that the customs laws allowed no such exceptions and therefore the duty must be collected.

The Supreme Court. There was an attempt made to hear the case of Saucier vs. Mackintosh on Saturday last, but as it was found that the hearing would be prolonged it was postponed until this week. On Sunday Judge Walkem was seized with a bronchial malady which was accentuated by heart trouble. Mr. Justice Walkem was in hopes that he would be well enough to attend to the cause within a few days, but under medical advice he has been confined to his room ever since, as he has been warned that any attempt to work might result in serious injury to his health if persisted in. Under the circumstances the court has risen, the pending case being postponed until the next session.

Mr. John J. Baker of Tacoma is in the city for the purpose of looking after the I.X.L. and O.K. mines.

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...NEWS... FROM THE BOUNDARY

By the Miner's Own Correspondent

GREENWOOD TRAMWAY.

Nelson Capitalists Investing in Franchises in the Boundary. Greenwood, B. C., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—For substantial consideration George H. Collins of this city has sold to Nelson investors his interests in the Greenwood and Phoenix tramway and Greenwood Electric Light companies.

BOUNDARY CLAIMS BONDED.

The Butcher Boy Group Has Been Secured for \$100,000. Greenwood, B. C., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—George Sonneman, mining engineer, Spokane, has secured a year's bond on the Butcher Boy group, above Beaverton, up the west fork of the Kettle river.

MAY BUILD A RAILWAY.

Rossland Citizens Will Apply to Legislature for a Charter. Grand Forks, B. C., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Public notice is given that Messrs. J. B. MacArthur and J. E. McNeil of Rossland, and others, will apply at the coming session of the Dominion parliament for authority to construct a railway from Cascade, B. C., following the west bank of the Kettle river, and via Grand Forks to Carson, B. C.

THE BOUNDARY MINES.

Notes of the Winnipeg and Other Properties. Greenwood, B. C., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—W. J. Porter, formerly superintendent, and one of the heaviest shareholders in the Brandon & Golden Crown Mining company, Limited, has gone to Brandon, Manitoba, at the request of the directors of the company, with a view to perfecting certain plans to raise money to carry on development.

THE ROUND-UP.

Chief Ingram is energetic in his pursuit of the Chinamen who have not paid their road tax. He now reports that he has collected about \$400, which accounts for about two-thirds to three-quarters of the total number in the city.

A RICH FIND.

In the Bossburg Wagon Road Three Miles From Cascade. Report comes to this office that a big vein of rich ore, exposed by the wear of travel over it, in the Bossburg wagon road about four miles from Cascade has recently been located by parties who happened to be "hoofing" the road.

THE SIGNATURE.

This signature is on every box of the genuine Laxative. The agreement states that Mr. Gooderham advances the corporation the sum of \$30,000, as a loan, at 6 per cent per annum, in consideration for which the directors give an option upon an undivided half interest in all the lands, mines, properties and assets of the corporation at the sum of \$100,000, for a period of five months.

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Work on the Emma, in Summit camp, was resumed with a small force this week. The claim was located in 1891 by W. T. Smith, who with McKenzie & Mann, owns the claim.

MR. WOODFORD BANQUETTED.

HE PREDICTS A GREAT FUTURE FOR THE MINES AND THE CAMP. Said That the Values in the Ore Here Are Higher Than They Are in Johannesburg.

After visiting the mines yesterday, Mr. E. G. Woodford, a well known South African mining engineer, was entertained at a banquet in the evening at the Allan house. There were present the following: The guest of the evening, Mr. E. G. Woodford, Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, Dr. Edwin Bowes, A. H. MacNeill, Capt. Thompson, Edwin Durand, Frank Walker, C. F. Jackson, J. Fred Ritchie, Charles Chamberlain, Frederick Schofield, Mr. Penwick, Mr. Spenseley, D. J. Macdonald, S. W. Hall, and several others.

Mr. Woodford, who is a leading expert in mining, and welcomed him to the Rossland camp. All that this camp required to make it a leading mining centre was thorough investigation and development. The ore was here in abundance, and this fact was coming more and more to be recognized.

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Dizziness and Nausea

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"About the most thorough and popular teacher we have ever had here," is the opinion expressed by the people of Canada, N. S., of their present young lady school teacher, Miss Nellie Cutten. Miss Cutten is possessed of keen intelligence and engaging manners, and has been peculiarly successful in her chosen profession. At present she looks the picture of health, and one observing her good color and buoyant spirits, would never think of associating her with sickness.

"You see, in addition to my teaching, I had been studying very hard over my 'B' work, and then I was attacked with whooping cough, which did not leave me for a long time, and so I became pretty well run down. I was always considered the embodiment of health at home, but last autumn I was really alarmed over my condition. Sometimes in the schoolroom I would be seized with dizziness, and often I would faint away. I would take vomiting turns also, and had a feeling of nausea and languor all the time. I lost my color and became thin and pale, and it seemed as if my blood had turned to water."

"This condition of things was so different from anything which I had previously experienced that I sought medical advice at once. I was informed that I was suffering several bottles of prescriptions, my condition seemed to be getting worse all the time. When I went home for my Christmas vacation, I was almost in despair. It was while I was at home, however, that my friends advised me to use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Acting upon their advice, I took up their use. The first box made its effect felt, but I used four or five and then the cure was complete. Ever since then my health has been excellent, and I have felt my real old-time self, and am able to attend to my duties, which are by no means light, without the fatigue and languor that made the work irksome. You may depend upon it I will always have a friendly word to say for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

If your dealer does not keep these pills in stock, they will be sent post paid at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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A DISASTER.

The Steamer Alpha is a Total Wreck—Many People are Drowned.

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 18.—News of the worst marine disaster of the season in British Columbia waters was brought here at 9 o'clock last night by the steamer Cear from Union Bay, on the east coast of Vancouver island. The famous steamer Alpha, whose unauthorized trip to Cape Nome last May brought her into conflict with the treasury officials at Washington, was wrecked on a reef near the entrance to Union Bay, and not a vestige of the 1,000-ton steamer remains. Her managing owner, master, purser, three engineers, two able-bodied seamen and a stowaway were drowned, and the balance of the crew of 34 were saved by the pluck of an unknown member of the ship's company, who swam in a raging sea from the wreck to a light-house with a line around his waist.

The drowned are: Samuel Barber of Vancouver, managing owner; Capt. F. N. Yorke of Victoria, master; Chief Engineer Matterson, Vancouver; Assistant Engineer Dunn, Victoria; Second Assistant Engineer Murray, Vancouver; H. L. White, purser, Vancouver; Crosby and Sullivan, able-bodied seamen; and a stowaway (unknown). The Alpha was valued at \$40,000. Her cargo comprised 750 tons of salt salmon, and 350 tons of coal, consigned to Yokohama, and valued at \$80,000. The total insurance on ship and cargo was \$65,000.

It is two weeks since the Alpha first started from Vancouver for Japan. After she had been four days on the return to Victoria, partly disabled, and accusations of tampering with her engines were made. Some of the crew and several of the officers left the steamer, declaring that she had been improperly loaded, and one of the officers was tried and sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment for desertion. Last Saturday the Alpha left Victoria for Union Bay to replenish her coal supply. A Thursday night the steamer ran on a rock at Baynes Sound, at the entrance to Union Bay. She was quickly dashed to pieces, and all would have perished had not one of the crew made the desperate and successful effort to swim with a line to the lighthouse on Yellow island. In the raging sea, only part of those on the ill-fated ship managed to reach safety, the officers and owner remaining on board and failing to reach the rock. The 25 survivors remained on Yellow island, which is a rock 200 feet wide, until Sunday night, when the sea moderated somewhat and a sloop was able to call and take them to Union Bay. But the storm which had wrecked the ship had also prostrated the wires, and so nothing of the shipwreck reached the outside world until the little steamer Cear brought the story to Vancouver last night.

The Alpha gained notoriety last spring when, as a Canadian ship, she landed freight and passengers in Nome in defiance of the instructions of the Treasury department and, it is said, against the advice of the British embassy at Washington as well. She was pursued on her return trip from Nome by a United States revenue cutter, but managed to show her pursuer a clean pair of heels. Since that exciting experience the Alpha has been engaged in the British Columbia coasting trade until she started on her present disastrous trip.

The Dominion government steamer Quadra leaves at daylight in the morning for the scene of the wreck of the steamer Alpha, and will take surveys to Vancouver. The captain of the steamer is Saturday morning, blowing distress signals and drifting. Capt. Yorke said he did not want assistance, the only trouble being overheated bearings. The owner of the vessel offered to engage a pilot to take the steamer to Comox, but Capt. Yorke said it was not necessary. Engineer Gordon and other members of the crew, who deserted the vessel after she returned with water in her hold from her first attempt to cross the Pacific, say the steering gear of the vessel did not work properly. Gordon is also in jail, he having purposely run foul of the police while drunk so that he would not have to go out on the vessel.

Boy Killed by Train.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 18.—Roy McFee, aged 10 years, was killed this afternoon by a C. P. R. gravel train at Barnet, 12 miles from Vancouver. He was playing on the track, when he was knocked down by a car which cut in two. His father is employed on the Canadian Pacific in Kootenay. The body was brought in on tonight's train from Seattle.

Victoria Notes.

Victoria, Dec. 18.—The steamer Royalist, with sugar ten days overdue from Moji, Japan, showed up at daylight this morning. The steamer Queen City, from the West Coast, reports very rough weather, but no further news regarding the wreckage reported last week. G. L. Roy Dana, of New York, a mining engineer, has returned here after a hard trip to the head of the Portland canal. He had to abandon his horses and outfit on account of the heavy snow. The charge of petty theft against Hume Yorrington, formerly mayor of Carson City, was dismissed by the police magistrate.

VANCOUVER NEWS.

Smallpox Cases in the Terminal City. Burglaries Committed. Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 17.—Two cases of smallpox were located today and the patients, brothers, named Saint, were removed to the isolation hospital. The disease was probably contracted at Skagway. Several miles of dike was partially washed away on Lulu island and Fraser river delta by the heavy storm of Saturday night and Sunday. Twenty thousand dollars worth is the estimate of the damage done. Two large burglaries were committed in Vancouver and Westminster on Sunday night. At the latter place several hundreds of dollars worth of jewelry was taken from Thorber's store.

THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL.

Protests Against the Return of Prior and Earle—Deadman's Island. Victoria, B. C., Dec. 15.—The steamer Alpha, which returned to port last week with her stove hole full of water, continued her voyage to Yokohama today, having been pronounced seaworthy. Her engineers and other crew deserted her, claiming that she was not fit to go to sea. The inspectors passed her. The question whether the Dominion or Provincial government own Deadman's island, which has been a political issue in Vancouver for a year, and over which the Cemin government split, is to come before the Supreme court here next week. Protests have been filed against the election of Prior and Earle, Conservatives, to the Dominion parliament on the usual grounds of corruption.

WEEKLY STOCK REVIEW.

Sales for the Week Aggregated 104,000 Shares, Etc.

The stock business is jogging along at a fairly steady gait, with fair business each day. The nearness of the holidays curtails the volume of transactions, but this is nothing unusual as there is always a period of quietude before and after the Christmas and New Year holidays. The standards continue to be dealt in and speculation is confined almost wholly to properties of known merit, and which either are mines or stand good chances of making mines. Everything connected with mining is in a buoyant condition and all the elements essential to a strong market are manifesting themselves. The output of ore is rapidly increasing, confidence in the mines is being placed in mining projects, and over the Kootenaya and Yale than ever before. The tide is on the flood for this section and is carrying it on toward an increased prosperity. The representatives of investors from Eastern Canada, Great Britain, the United States and France are coming and going and they speak only words of praise for the mines here. Under the circumstances it seems impossible to long keep the stock market from becoming active.

The sales for the week by days were as follows: Thursday, 21,500; Friday, 16,000; Saturday, 15,000; Monday, 20,000; Tuesday, 16,500; Wednesday, 15,000.

Total, 104,000. Against 101,800 for the previous week. During the week ending last evening there were 51,500 shares of White Bear sold against 47,000 for the previous week. The price opened at the commencement of the week at from 4 to 4 1/8 cents and closed at the same figures. It sold on Monday of this week as low as 3 7/8 cents, but rallied to 4 cents on Tuesday. Besides the regular sales 40,000 shares of White Bear were sold on 60-day call at 4 1/4 to 4 1/2 cents, for 1 1/2 of a cent per share above the work of extending the north crosscut toward the ledge recently encountered by the diamond drill in the White Bear is progressing, but it will take about two months to reach the vein.

Tamarac is not moving much, although it is promised that the tramway will be completed and shipments commenced early in January. There were 2,500 Tamarac sold for 4 1/2 cents. Winnipeg is not moving much, but 2,000 shares were sold for 3 cents. Notices have been sent to the stockholders of the Winnipeg Mines, limited, notifying them that an assessment of 1 cent per share has been levied.

Giant started in at 2 5/8 and fell to 2 1/2 cents. There were 17,000 shares of Giant sold during the week. Work on the Giant continues along the usual lines. Rambler-Cariboo was 26 cents at the commencement of the week, rose to 26 1/2 on Saturday, sold for as high as 26 1/2 on Saturday, and yesterday and Tuesday sold at 26 to 26 1/4 cents. There were 16,500 sold during the week. There were 3,500 St. Elmo sold during the week, the price ranging from 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 cents.

Virginia moved to the extent of 5,000 shares and the price was 2 cents. There was a sale of 1,000 Noble Five for 2 1/2 cents. Appended are the official quotations for yesterday of the Rossland Mining and Stock Exchange:

Table with columns: Bid, Asked, and Share names including Athabasca, S. C. Gold Fields, Big Three, etc.

Thursday's Sales.

Tamarac, 2,500 at 4 1/2; White Bear, 4,000 at 4, 5,000 at 4 1/8, 3,000 at 4 1/8; Winnipeg, 2,000 at 3; Giant, 2,000 at 2 5/8, 2,000 at 2 5/8. Total sales, 21,500 shares.

Friday's Sales.

White Bear, 1,000 at 4 cents, 5,000 at 4 cents, coast delivery, 5,000 at 4 cents; Rambler-Cariboo, 2,000 at 26 cents, 1,000 at 26 cents; Giant, 2,000 at 2 3/4 cents. Total sales 16,000.

Saturday's Sales.

White Bear, 5,000 at 4 1/8; 3,000 at 4 1/8; Rambler-Cariboo, 2,000 at 26; 1,000 at 26; 2,000 at 26. Giant, 2,000 at 2 5/8. Total sales 15,000.

Monday Sales.

White Bear, 2,000 at 4, 1,000 at 3 7/8, 5,000 at 4; Giant, 5,000 at 2 1/2; Morning Glory, 5,000 at 8 1/4; Rambler-Cariboo, 3,000

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At 26 1/4. Total sales, 20,000 shares. Morning Glory, 60 days, 5,000 at 8 3/4, 1 cent down. Tuesday's Sales. Virginia, 5,000 at 2c; White Bear, 2,500 at 4c; 3,000 at 4c; Giant, 1,000 at 2 1/2c; Rambler-Cariboo, 500 at 26c; 1,500 at 26 1/2c; 1,000 at 26 1/4c. St. Elmo, 1,000 at 3 1/2c; 1,000 at 2 3/4c. Total sales, 15,500.

Call—White Bear, 10,000, 60 days, at 4 1/4c; 1 1/2 cent down. Wednesday's Sales. St. Elmo, 1,500 at 3 1/4c; Noble Five, 1,000 at 2 1/2c; Rambler-Cariboo, 500 at 26c, 3,000 at 26 1/4c; Giant, 2,000 at 2 1/2c; White Bear, 2,000 at 4c, 2,000 at 4c, 3,000 at 4 1/8c.

TO DEVELOP THE MINE. The Dardanelles Company Planning Much New Work. At a meeting of the Dardanelles Mining & Milling company, limited, with head offices at Victoria, held on June 20 last, it was resolved that the directors of the company be empowered to borrow on behalf of the company, on debentures, a sum not exceeding \$45,000, says the Kootenaya. The directors want for which the money is required is: First, to pay off all the indebtedness of the company, which amounts to about \$11,000; second, to continue the development of the mine upon the lines advised by Capt. Morris and also by the manager.

It is intended to sink a shaft for a depth of about 600 feet, and then drift on the vein. This programme was carried out on the lowest level drifting has been carried on several hundred feet in each direction. During the drifting ore of very good grade was encountered. In the season of 1899 a syndicate was formed, which purchased 12 cents, out of the company's stock at 12 cents, out of which the debenture debts of the company were paid to the amount of \$75,000, additional machinery procured and the mine run until the end of February, when the company was compelled to shut down on account of being disappointed in the sale of a considerable block of stock. The directors have made arrangements whereby all the debts owed by the company have been transferred to one man so that satisfactory arrangements for the opening up of the mine again can be made.

The Dardanelles company was formed in December, 1896, with a capital stock of \$1,000,000 in \$1 shares. It was incorporated in September, 1896. The officers are: President, Hon. Fred Peters; vice-president, Col. S. W. Ray, Port Arthur; secretary, William McGrier. The other directors are Sir Charles H. Tupper, J. J. Shallock, Capt. C. E. Clark and J. J. Myers. The property consists of six claims, namely: Dardanelles, Diamond Cross, Dardanelles No. 2, Okanagan, Lady of the Lake, Bosphorus and Gibraltar. They are situated in the Dardanelles basin, four miles from Sandon, three miles by wagon road from McGeigan station on the Kaslo & Slooan railway.

On the property about 4,000 feet of development work has been done. A shaft has been sunk about 500 feet. It is stated by the company that previous to 1896, 250 1/2 tons of first-class ore shipped to the smelters returned an average of 266 ounces of silver and 20 per cent. lead, and 81 1/2 tons of second-class ore returned 72 ounces of silver and 18 per cent. lead to the ton. The plant at the property consists of a 50-horse power boiler, a 20-horse power hoist sinking pump; also a five-drill Rand compressor and two drills.

GOLD DREDGING.

How to Make it Pay—The Disposition of the Tailings. Many men whose opinions are trustworthy on other subjects are entirely unable to form a sane or just conclusion on matters connected with gold. Many, if not most, men also are inclined to put a better face on the question than usually exists, and the sight of a few yellow colors leads them at once to figure out a bonanza. If investors would only bring to bear on gold mining the same prudence and business sense which is necessary in any other business, it would greatly reduce the number of failures. The investor has to guard against two classes of evil advice. One is that of the professional swindler who 'promotes' the property for the sole purpose of transmitting the funds of the subscribers into his own pocket, and the other is the well-meaning man who, perhaps, has a fairly good thing if properly worked, but who has more self-confidence than experience and skill. The ground should be surveyed—if not accurately at least approximately—and a map prepared on which may be recorded the positions of the test-pits, the area available, and the extent of the ground worked every season. Test-pits should be sunk at sufficiently frequent intervals to place the nature of the ground beyond conjecture. The examination should show the full depth of the gravel, the nature of the bedrock, if any, and the distribution of the values; whether they are greatest at the surface, in layers, or on the bottom. Values are never uniformly distributed, and nothing is more deceptive than a glib statement of so much per cubic yard. The nature of the material should also be ascertained, and this not only on the surface. The sizes and percentages of the gravel, from coarsest to finest, should be measured. This is necessary to determine the character of screens to be used, or whether any at all are necessary. The action of the gravel while being washed or sluiced should be experimentally determined. Some gravels wash very freely; others, again, are of a clayey or sticky nature, often with large boulders, which increase the difficulty of working. The condition of water supply is most important. Water is essential to the recovery of gold, and its presence in suitable quantities is a great desideratum. The disposition of tailings is a subject which must be carefully studied. Unless the dredge can get rid of all material passed through without choking or piling up in such a manner as to interrupt its work, it is liable to be stopped, and the entire enterprise brought to a standstill until the difficulty can be remedied. The configuration of the ground, the character of the material, the depth of the water, and the height of ground worked above water, all enter into the question and should be carefully determined. As to the gold itself, the question is threefold. There are to be considered, first, the character of the gold; second, its value per cubic yard of material handled; third, the best method of saving it. On the satisfactory determination of these points the whole success of the enterprise depends, and here long experience and sound judgment are absolutely necessary. The gold may be fine or coarse, of all degrees, and may be easy to save or difficult to save, and the most effective method of saving it depends upon its character. There is no 'new discovery' for gold saving. All known methods depend on one thing for their successful action, namely, the great specific gravity of gold as compared with the gravel. Their separation can be effected only by washing with water, aided sometimes by amalgamation, but the method of washing are subject to wide variation—Cassier's Magazine.

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Late Mining News from the East Kootenay, Kaslo, Plover

Naturally, being the depth of winter, there is little to report on the progress of the minor properties scattered all over the Kootenaya and which too often have roads affording a rapid means of ingress and egress to and from them. This militates against continuous work throughout the winter months, but there is, despite the presence of these untoward conditions, quite a little work going on; nevertheless this is especially the case with regard to the properties situated in the coming districts of Peterborough and Kamloops. The Lardeau, now that it has definite promise of a railroad, will make great strides during the coming year and can well afford, under the circumstances to have one or two of its shipping positions to close down work, carried on at the best under anything but favorable conditions, for the remainder of the winter. The Boundary, which has been both looking very well, the latter having shipped about 25,000 tons this year and the former about 115,000. Next year, under the more favorable conditions a big advance is looked for from both sections.

KAMLOOPS. Third Payment on the Iron Mask—Work Upon the Copper King. The Tenderfoot company has placed a large block of stock successfully in the lower country. Work on the Python is proceeding satisfactorily. The spring should bring good news from this well known property. Another large block of stock of the Copper Creek Consolidated was sold last week in England. Work will proceed regularly after the holidays. Mr. H. C. Foster has been developing his properties 100 miles south of God's Head. He has already 300 tons of clean silver lead ore on the dump, worth nearly \$500,000 to the ton.

The drift on the Kimberley is now about 15 feet, and may be said to be entirely in one, the quality of which for the last few feet has been improving in most satisfactory way. The ore is of quality good enough to ship. Messrs. Davidson and McDonald are pushing the work on the Noonday one of the free mining propositions of the camp, with good success. The property is turned out as was expected, and the looking ore is piling up on the dump. A third payment of \$11,000 was made on the Iron Mask. This makes \$17,000 to date. Capt. Argall and the purchasers evidence are well satisfied with their property, or the payment would not have been made.

Two more men have been put to work on the Copper King, and work is being conducted without cessation, says Standard. The shaft work is now erect and will afford proper protection in the weather. A blacksmith shop and ore are also built, and a track is being laid from the mouth of the shaft. A few well known persons went out on Monday to view the property, and as a consequence have invested in shares of the company.

THE LARDEAU. Operation of Work on the Silver Cup—Erections Over the District. Four men are working at the West. The latest reports from the property are to the effect that the men have turned out as was expected, and the looking ore is piling up on the dump. Work on the Black Bear has been suspended until spring. The tunnel is now 74 feet. This property is one of the most promising in the Fish Creek camp, though at present a little difficult for work.

MORNING GLORY ORE. Fourteen Tons Netted \$6,670 in Gold and Silver. Grand Forks, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Fourteen Tons Netted \$6,670 in Gold and Silver. The Morning Glory mine treated at the Granby smelter netted values of \$6,670 in gold and silver. A 20-drill duplex Rand drill air compressor has been ordered for the Snowshoe mine in Wellington camp. The property is owned by the British Columbia, Rossland and Slooan syndicate of which Anthony J. McMillan of Rossland is 1/2 interest director.

The New City hall and Central Fire station on First street was inaugurated yesterday. It is a handsome structure and was built under the supervision of W. R. McPherson, architect. Given a Farewell Dinner. Nelson, Dec. 17.—The friend of F. W. Peters, who leaves today for the coast to assume the position of general freight agent on the C. P. R., accorded him a jolly entertainment at the Hotel Hume on Saturday night. The evening was pleasantly passed in song, speech and story. A feature of the entertainment was the presentation to Mr. Peters of a purse containing a substantial sum in gold, together with a couple of sets of candelabra and a handsome silver tureen. The gifts were graciously acknowledged by Mr. Peters amid enthusiastic cheers from the gathering.

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