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A SHIPPING CAMP

Poplar's First Shipment of Ore Sent out This Week-Lucky Jack Tunnel in 225 Feet

Rich Strike on Great Western. Swede Group to Make Trial Shipment of 20 Tons.

The Marquis and Gilbert group has become a shipper. About 200 sacks of ore were shipped to Trail this week. It has the appearance of galena, carrying free gold, with the principal values in the yellow metal. This property is near the Swede group and the owners are working it themselves. They are the right kind of men to have in a camp, for nothing makes a camp grow faster than hitting a drill on your own claims.

The tunnel on the Lucky Jack is in 225 feet and the managers are well pleased with the way the property is developing. A stamp mill will be built in the spring just as soon as the size and character of the mill can be determined. A shipment of several sacks of rich ore will be sent in a few days to the Oyster-Criterion mill at Camborne.

On Cascade creek, about two miles from Poplar, August Buffalo has had the Dominion and Dick claims for six years, There is a 10-foot lead on the claims sprinkled with free gold. Chas. Ehlers went to Rossland on Wednesday to complete the formation of a company for the immediate development of these promising properties.

The Swede group is working two shifts on four to five feet of the prettiest ore in the country. This ledge has a galena ore low in silver but high in free gold, much of it runnlng $500 in gold to the ton. Ore is being sacked and 20 tons will be sent to Camborne when the snow permits of rawhiding.

Tom Armstrong has made a rich strike on the Great Western, about two miles below the Second Crossing. He has sent some specimens of it to Spokane. The ore is similar to that found in the Spyglass and is very rich in free gold. The ledge runs from 18 inches to 2 feet in width.

The placer company operating ground on the Lardo river in front of the Lucky Jack is still waiting for a pump. If gold is struck on bedrock anywhere oround this camp it will create a hum that will be heard in New York.

August Buffalo staked part of the Lucky Jack ground more than a year ago and called it the Royal claim. He did one assessment, gave his partner the money to record the work, but he skipped and Buffalo lost the claim.

Before many years the Lardeau will be like the Transvaal. It will have a string of stamp mills from Lardo city to the shores of Arrow lake. None of them will be built by knockers, pessimists or barroom prospectors.

Walker & Olson are working their property near the Swede group. They have a nice showing and are running a drift. Dr. Rogers and Jack Desmond are also interested in this group of claims.

Barkley Crilly came in from Camborne on Monday. He reports the 10-stamp mill lately put in motion at the Oyster-Criterion as running without a hitch of any kind.

On Rapid creek, three miles from Poplar, Rogers & Smith have worked a claim for four years. At a depth of 100 feet it is richer in gold than it was on the surface.

Gold is used as a Christian name to dozens of claims in this district, such as Gold Hill, Gold Reef, etc. It might be as well to use it more in the sense of a surname.

The Golden Eagle, near the Second Crossing; has some remarkable leads. Closely adjoining each other can be found leads carrying iron, gold, copper and galena.

The trail has been finished to the Home Run and a small force of men are driving a 100-foot tunnel on the property.

Wright and his partner are working placer ground on Poplar creek within the town limits.

Some work has been done on the Fearnaught. The average values are $40 to the ton.

Adventure With Web Press.

Bob Martin ran against a hard formation last week. While assisting to move the first printing plant in town he collided with our web press and was dead to the world for a time. He has since recovered from his first adventure with a printing press.

Camp Robbers.

The camp-robber sometimes works his graft in Poplar. The man who enters the cabin of a poor prospector for the purpose of stealing his grub is not fit to live in a sewer in Hades, much less the golden city of Poplar.

J. J. Cameron, wife and daughter came to town on Monday. He will build a residence and remain for the winter, having sold his hotel at Lardo.

WANT IT WIDE OPEN

Citizens Protest Against Canadian Pacific Closing Lardo Branch During Winter

Resolutions Passed at a Meeting Held Last Week in the Grand Hotel, Poplar

At a public meeting of the citizens of Poplar, called to discuss the proposed action of the Canadian Pacific railway to close the Lardo branch during a portion of the winter season, due to the probable freezing of Trout Lake, the following resolutions were unanimously passed :

Whereas, the camp of Poplar Creek has a permanent population of 300 people solely dependent upon the mining industry ;

And, whereas, it has been announced in the public press that it is not the intention of the Canadian Pacific railway to maintain the Lardo branch service during a portion of the winter season ;

And, whereas, should the said railway fail to maintain a continuous service during said period, this camp will be utterly cut off from civilization for a period of at least from two to three months, with the possibility of suffering severe hardships both physically and financially ;

And, wheceas, the uncertainty of not having open communication with the outside during said period, is already effecting a material injury to the mining and commercial interests of the camp ;

And, whereas, it is the intention of many claim owners, both quartz and placer, and two incorporated companies to prosecute development throughout the winter, giving employment to a large force of miners, providing transportation facilities are maintained ;

And, whereas, the Lardo branch of the Canadian Pacific railwao has been heavily subsidized by the people ;

And, whereas, the representatives of the wholesale, manufacturing and jobbing interests of the province have requested the citizens of Poplar to urge upon the said railway company the necessity of keeping said road open ;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Canadian Pacific Railway company is urgently requested to maintain a continuous service during said winter months on the Lardo branch, and that copies of thee resolutfons be sent to the Canadian Pacific Railway company, the Hon. Minister of Railways, W. A. Galliher, M. P., Hon. Richard McBride, Hon. Robert Green, John Houston, M. P. P., Thomas Taylor, M. P. P., the Associated Boards of Trade, and the press.

Copies of the above resolutions have been sent to the C. P. R. officials, members of the local legislature, and to the minister of railways at Ottawa.

New Conductor.

Harry Graves is the new conductor on the Lardo express. Harry was the first conductor to run a train out of Vancouver. For a time of late years he looked at the golden creeks around Dawson, but the force of habit was too strong and he is again a knight of the punch on one of the best pieces of track in B. C.

LOCAL CONCENTRATES.

The king is expected to strike camp this week.

Help our city editor by bringing in all the news of the camp.

Billy Hansen and his partners will soon have their hotel ready for business.

Bruce Craddock is building a residence and has become a permanent resident.

John McLaughlin and his brother are the new landlords of the Commercial hotel at Lardo.

A band of ladies from the half world struck camp last week and ever since the moon has looked like a piece of ruby silver.

The C. P. R. has a freight shed in Poplar. It is always open and would be a great graft for the cows if we had any in this progressive community.

During the absence of Ehlers, Aug. Buffalo will manage the Royal hotel. Buffalo's numerous friends are rapidly becoming cognizant of the fact.

Draw poker has been discovered in Poplar. A little development will be done this winter, and by spring it is expected that a chute of blues will be tapped.

Frank Brown is the presiding genius at the speculative end of the Nelson house in Nelson, and always has a glad hand for the boys when they blow into the metropolis of Kootenay.

Three years ago Henry Mangusson, who recently made a fortune out of the Swede group, built the first cabin in Poplar. It still stands just across the track from Dad Kaiser's Waldorf-Astoria.

Jim McDonald of Nelson went through on the train the other day. When passing through Poplar Jim put his head out of tbe window, and the natives thought the sun was rising in a new place,

THE NUGGET

Is published every Friday at Poplar, B. C. and is sent to any address for $2.00 a year.

Commercial advertising is $1.50 an inch for four insertions. Reading notices 15 cents a line each insertion. Legal advertising 10 cents a line first insertion, and 5 cents a line each subsequent insertion. Certificate of Improvement notices, $7; Delinquent co-owner notices, $10. Address all letters to THE NUGGET. Poplar, B. C.

R. T. LOWERY, PROPRIETOR.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1903.

OPENING REMARKS.

As a rule we like to get into a camp before the pianos and canary birds, but on our arrival last week we found these things had preceded us, in addition to a large number of birds that are not canaries. The camp is a little over one hundred days old and has six hotels, five of which are producing every day, four stores, a livery stable, a laundry, etc., and more gold in the hills around the burg than we have ever got close to since we first planted a set of stakes in the shadow of the grand old mountains of the Great West. No church as yet parts the air with its tall spire, and the only tiger we have seen in Poplar is so tame that even a tenderfoot could camp near his claws and never wink an optic.

The Lardeau is wonderfully rich in gold, especially around Poplar creek. Gold in some quantity can be found upon every claim. The marvellous showings on the Lucky Jack and other claims would have set the world on fire if discovered anywhere outside of Kootenay. No sooner is the camp discovered than we find knockers trying to tie the hands of those who are making an effort to build up the country. The claim jumper comes along with his augur. The Provincial Mineralogist gets wise on the district from a car window and blows cold air through the coast press, while the C. P. R. treats Poplar all through the summer with the coldest kind of courtesy, and now that winter faces the sturdy trail-blazer, it threatens to tighten the cinch and stop operating during a portion of the snowy season. Such a proceeding should not be allowed for a single day. The people of Canada built the C. P. R. and it should be operated for their benefit. If the C. P. R. has become too penurious to run a train to Poplar because its officials are too short sighted to make provision against ice on Trout lake, then the government should step in and run the road. The rights of the few must not be sacrificed under the juggernaut of grasping monopoly.

So, seeing that Poplar was in need of a paper to make known its wonderful resources and fight for its rights, we have hoisted our flag on the banks of Poplar creek, and painted upon it the immortal words of Macbeth. THE NUGGET is small but like the camp from which it hails it will soon grow so large that all the world can see it without straining their eyesight.

He is a wise man who always knows his own stakes.

The Bible is against Poplar. It says to make no haste to get rich.

As a rule the orator who uses the biggest words has the least to say.

It is easier to keep out of matrimonial harness than to get out of it.

It is easier for the average woman to land a husband than it is to keep him landed.

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PAYNE IS PAINED

Because of Report of Provincial Mineralogist Robertson on Poplar Creek Ores.

Believes That as a Free Gold Belt the Lower Lardeau Is Preeminent.

The following article has been sent by G. Raymond Payne from Spokane,

Editor, The Nugget: So little is definitely known as to the great mineral wealth of the Lardeau, extending from the wonderfully rich camps of Ferguson and Camborne and south east to Poplar creek and Duncan lake, that I feel justified in attempting to give some idea of the wealth in process of development and that which is known to exist, only awaiting capital and intelligence, its prospective value based on the proofs which are so surely conclusive as to be admitted.

Having only returned from the north I have just time to enter a protest in opposition to the thoughtless suspicions cast by the provincial mineralogist, reflecting very seriously upon the operations of a gentleman whom all mining men in the Kootenays know and respect, whose name we all know and need not mention.

The coast press accounts of Robertson's opinions of the Lardeau and those also of the correspondent of that excellent journal, The Vivtoria Mining Record, are not genuine contributions, their worth being easily tested, for it was essential for both these gentlemen to have honestly faced the task of making known the new El Dorado and that is exactly what they have not done, for does anyone think that the extensive mineral belt of the Lardeau, practically unknown even to the best informed authority in the country, can be lightly passed over in a couple of hours, and be criticized. It is common knowledge that every mining engineer of repute usually gives at least two days to make an examination of one claim to do it properly, but here are two men, the one ostensibly for the purpose of gaining further notoriety for his ultra conservatism regarding Kootenay propositions, which attitude is just now fashionable at the coast, the other, possibly because the country being overrun with paper agents promising the immediate advent of a Pierpont Morgan, if only funds be provided for a craftily worded write-up, found no support, retiring disgusted and the narrow logic of his argument disposed him to dampen public enthusiasm just because there happened to be a dearth of the coined article and the would-be advertiser preferred to be less gullible than formerly, but was willing to be shown how a stock advertisement would pay.

Those parties saw only two properties, spending a few minutes at each, that time for the most part taken up in asking questions. Then satisfied that they had seen the whole of the Lardeau in two hours, they fancied they could class themselves as authorities and, both being in the public eye, their opinions were favorably received and swollowed wholesale. This was unfortunately so, for the country needed a powerful stimulant, to moderately, not mildly excite the energetic class to new exertions, and was loosening the tiresome prejudices of outside capital to enter, and free the long struggling, patient prospector from the burdens carried for a lifetime, but he went unrewarded and saw his recent hopes come to naught by the criticism of those mentioned.

Now booming founded on lies causes disaster, but booming on the truth is absolutely necessary in British Columbia today. The simple truth is not enough. It cannot attract and the reason is obvious, requiring no explanation, therefore the methods employed by some of the Poplar Creek enthusiasts were legitimate because they have undoubtedly the goods there, and had any other policy been adopted not a cent of outside money would have been invested. What does Mr. Robertson say to the fact that seven-eights of the money raised for Poplar Creek promotions this summer came from those who had actually with their own eyes seen what they were investing in? Is there a similar record in B. C. annals? It was to me most remarkable and I can name no precedent. Unfortunately I have not the slightest interest in the lower Lardeau country, other than being the owner of some samples, one of which I picked up myself on the Swede group, going thousands of dollars to the ton, but having been nearly all over the northwest and in various mining districts in the world, I declare most emphatically that as a free-gold belt the Lardeau is preeminent and that any other opinion is prejudiced.

What did Mr. Robertson go to Poplar for? His short useless visit is evidenced when he declares, proving his incapacity to perform his duties properly, that "he was informed" that samples from the famous Lucky Jack property assayed so much. Was it too much trouble to carry a few pieces of rock away, granting that gold weighs heavy, but not possessing the gravity of lead which does not incommode him seemingly. Many other facts might be cited, each sufficiently important to demand the dismissal of ffgureheads and in their places put hustlers and progressionists, and I am glad to see that very little is necessary to incite the mining people of Kootenay to enforce their demands for a fitting representative. G. RAYMOND PAYNE.

Beware of the man who never did anything wrong. There's a first time for everything.

Read Float.

Job printing can be had at this office.

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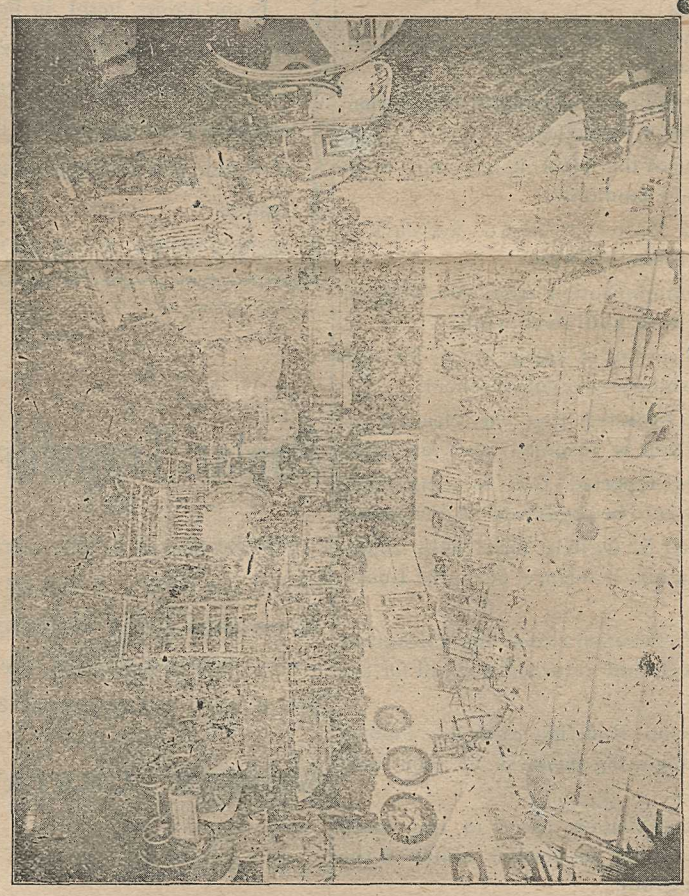

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LOCAL CONCENTRATES.

Alex Smith will spend the winter in the east.

Frank Holton is taking a look at Ferguson.

Billy Schnell has bought the barber business of Ferguson.

Some of the local hotels may soon have new landlords.

E. L. Masterson spent a few days in Trout Lake this week.

A communication from Mr. Osgood is held ovea until next week.

Application is being made for the establishment of a public school.

It is expected that the clearing of s reets will be resumed in a few days.

It is reported that a temperance society is to be organized in Ferguson.

Fraser & Ogilvie have built themselves a fine residence near the Lucky Jack.

S. F. Peterson closed his restaurant last week and returned to Trail for the winter.

Jackson Radcliffe and Joe Palmer are doing a big business in their new laundry.

Phil O'Connor came in this week and will put in several shifts at the Swede group.

Percy Godenrath has written a romance on Poplar, in which Charley Copp is the hero.

A dairy is being established at Poplar, and it will no longer be a condenscd milk town.

The agents of God have not yet made a location in Paplar, although a parson prospected the ground a few days ago, He found a little float.

Joe Squires has obtained the right to 600 inches of water on Cascade creek and has gone to Rossland to complete arrangements for putting in a plant to light Poplar with electricity. He will ask the C. P. R. for the privilege of stringing the wire along their right of way.

Mayor Archer of Kaslo blew into town last Monday. He will build a large store in March.

Alfred Ockerman has electrified Vancouver by showing in that city rich specimens from the Spyglass.

This journal is sent to any address for $2 a year in advance. It is sent for life anywhere on receipt of $25.

Another lead was discovered on the surface of the Lucky Jack this week. It is about a foot wide and samples from it show $4,000 a ton in free gold.

John Malone of Nelson was in town last week looking at the Gold Hill, in which he is interested. John expects it to be a greater bonanza than the Tremont in Nelson.

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Augusf Buffaic - - - Manager

Jost & Ostby will build a butcher shop next to the Royal hotel just as soon as the lumber arrives.

J. H. Hambly of Deadwood, B. C. has purchased a couple of lots in Poplar and will move his stock of general merchandise here as soon as his building is completed.

J. M. Harais, who has done more for Sandon than any other man, offers to bet that Poplar will have 3,000 people in it by next spring. He states that he has never seen any gold showings equal to those on the surface of the claims around Poplar.

A bank is needed in these diggings. The writer saw over $20,000 in gold in a shack the other day near this office and is fearful for its safety.

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