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IN THE RICHEST CAMP

A Description of the Northern Portion of Wallace Mountain.

COPPER AND GOLD PRINCIPAL VALUES

Three Miles Square of Territory on Which Parallel Leads Occur Every Few Hundred Feet — A Poor Man's Camp.

In a previous issue mention was made of the Washington and Idaho claims, on which a shaft had been sunk to a depth of 120 feet, when work was abandoned owing to financial difficulties. The claims were bonded by the locators two years ago to Barbarian Brown for $100,000, who stocked the properties and commenced development. A shaft was sunk 120 feet, when work was abandoned, just at a time when a few weeks' work more would have, in all probability proved the property to be a mine. The surface showing is equal to that of any other property on Wallace mountain, and it is to be regretted that the present owners have not continued development, as less than one hundred feet of crosscutting would have exposed the ledge at the 100-foot level. The fact that the Washington and Idaho are today lying idle is the result of the company promotion system that has done so much injury to the mining industry of British Columbia. It is said that half a dozen wine suppers put the company on the "hog" and the stock in the hands of a banker.

North of the Washington and Idaho is the Highland Chief, owned by Dore and Harris, and which is now being developed by a 90-foot tunnel being run to crosscut the lead at a depth of 100 feet. Previous work on the claim consisted of open cuts and a 50-foot tunnel. The ledge is quartz, nearly 40 feet in width and carrying copper and gold values. With all the leads on this group, as you go north the ore bodies change from silver to copper bearing values. In the Sally, Wellington and Rambler, the most southerly properties that have been developed on Wallace mountain, the principal values are in silver, but in the most northerly ore bodies the values are copper and gold. This change in character of ore becomes noticeable first in the Highland Chief, on which considerable free gold has been found.

North of the Highland Chief are the Deacon and Boston. On the Deacon there are four leads, running from three to four feet in width. On these 30 feet of work have been done. The No. 1 lead is quartz, four feet wide, carrying galena and copper. A 10-foot shaft has been sunk on it. No. 2 lead is of the same character as No. 1 and No. 3 is galena about three feet in width. The Deacon is owned by Thos. Curry, Robt. Wood and Mrs. Ida Thompson. The Boston is owned by J. Tuso. An open cut has been run 30 feet long and six feet wide on the ledge. The lead is quartz, carrying gold, silver and copper. Development work will be carried on all winter.

The [illegible] Bell, owned by Robt. Wood, Thos. Curry and [illegible] Thompson, lies north of the Deacon, and has been surveyed. A shaft 10 feet deep has been sunk on each of the six leads running through the claim. The leads run from three to four feet in width, principally galena, with copper coming in with depth. One of the leads on this claim is believed to be a continuation of the Highland Chief lead.

The Hard Cash is north of the Mountain Bell, and owned by Chas. Collins, W. Kintz and Geo. Muller. There are three ledges on the property, about four feet in width, one carrying copper-gold values, and the other two galena. A tunnel has been run 50 feet to tap the copper-gold lead, and will yet have to be run 30 feet before the lead is encountered. This will give a depth of 75 feet on the ore body. The work on the other two leads was done on the surface for the purpose of prospecting the ore body.

The Maple Leaf joins the Deacon and Hard Cash on the east and is owned by Robert Wood, of Greenwood. There are eight leads on the claim, on three of which shafts have been sunk to a depth of about 10 feet. On one of the leads there is a very nice surface showing of rich copper ore, but no work has been done on it. The leads are about four feet in width. Work will be done this winter on the leads yet not prospected.

North of the Maple Leaf is the Black Diamond, owned by Robert Wood, M. J. Phelan and Jno. Olson. About $400 has been expended in developing the three leads on this claim. These are galena and about four feet in width, all carrying partly high values in silver.

The Iron Horse group is owned by Robert Wood, Mrs. Ida Thompson and Thos. Curry, and consist of five claims lying east of the Black Diamond and Maple Leaf. In this group there are large leads of arsenical iron, lying between granite and diorite. Continuous work has been done on them for the past five years. This group is composed of the Iron Horse, Atlantic Cable, Yellow Rose, Comstock and Mayflower claims. On the Iron Horse a 60-foot tunnel has been run, and two shafts sunk, one 25 and other 10 feet. The lead is 25 feet in width, the principal values of which are in gold. On the Atlantic Cable there is a 25-foot shaft, and also on the Yellow Rose a shaft has been sunk to a depth of 25 feet. On the Comstock, two 20-foot shafts have been sunk, and on the Mayflower a 20-foot shaft. Besides the 25-foot lead there is a lead about 15 feet in width on the group.

This completes the description of a camp about three miles square, which has no equal in British Columbia for the richness of its leads, and on every claim of which, the ore bodies have improved with depth. In the southern part of the camp, the leads have been proved continuous, by prospect work, from the Wellington and Homestake on the west to the Rambler, Black Diamond and Standard on the east, and from the Noddway, Duncan and Bounty on the south to the Black Diamond and Iron Horse group on the north, there is not 500 feet of ground in which a rich lead has not been discovered. Every claim in the whole camp on which intelligent development has been done has given promise of being a mine, and better results have been obtained from Wallace mountain claims for the amount of work done than in any other mining camp in the west.

A. J. Wheatley's saw mill has been running during the last week, sawing lumber for the Carmi mine. On Thursday the first load was hauled up to Carmi. The mill crew went along to work on the road, making it a little more passable, but very little improvement could be made as the [illegible]

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BEAVERDELL, B. C., NOVEMBER 9, 1901

THE folly of building a wagon road, such as the attempt made a year ago up the West Fork by the provincial government, is being demonstrated every day. The road, into this district, over which supplies have to be hauled to the mines and business men, crosses the river eight times between Westbridge and Beaverdell, a distance of not more than 25 miles. The temporary bridges put in by E. H. Thruston last winter were, of course, carried away by the high waters in the spring, and now a similar set of bridges must be built for the coming winter, or communication between this district and the railway will be shut off altogether for six months. It is impossible to ford the river during the winter months when it is half frozen over. The road in the first place should have been built altogether on one side of the river. There are no difficulties in grade or rock work on one side that have not to be overcome on the other. The original route blazed by Scott McRae was all on one side, and the line surveyed and partly cut out by C. Æ. Shaw, C.E., was practically the same as that located by Mr. McRae. At present E. H. Thruston, owner of the Carmi, appears to come in for most of the blame in regard to the unfinished state of the wagon road, but the more the matter is inquired into, the less blame appears to attach to Mr. Thruston. He offered, in the first place, to build the road for $8,000, which was no doubt a ridiculously low estimate for the work. But if he was willing to enter into an agreement to complete the road in a satisfactory manner for that sum, it was his own look-out. However, his offer was not accepted by the government, owing to the influence of the Greenwood board of trade, and the work was carried on under the supervision of a government engineer. About nine miles of road were built at a cost of $17,980, more than double Mr. Thruston's offer for the whole work. There is no doubt much more work would have been done for this amount, had not the chief engineer of the province stepped in and changed the route surveyed by the engineer in charge. This was the beginning of what may be termed the "bridge mania," and which has since reached abnormal development in Mr. Thruston. There are still people in the district who believe that the bridge system is the only one, but to construct permanent bridges across the river, will require for each one a sum not less than $4,500. This estimate cannot be excessive, for $4,500 was the amount paid by the provincial government for the bridge across the West Fork below Westbridge. The government now want the remaining 16 miles of road built, and five such bridges put in for $600. In addition to this they insisted on the owner of the Carmi entering into an agreement to stope a certain number of feet of ore during the winter. The amount that will be required to build five permanent bridges would be sufficient to make a new and good wagon road, all the way from Westbridge to Carmi, and all on one side of the river, without taking into consideration the nine miles of passable road now being used.

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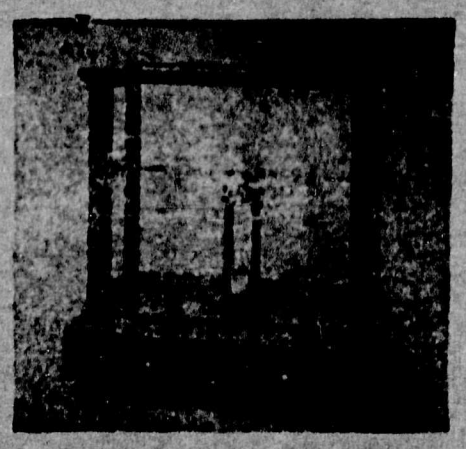

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THIS AND THAT.

Dr. Simmons, dentist, Rendell block, Greenwood.

A. W. Strickland, who had been in Carmi for the past week on a hunting trip, left for Greenwood on Thursday.

Thos. Curry will resume development work on the Iron Horse group this month. Work will be carried on during the winter.

Jas. C. Dale and A. Dale, of Carmi, went down to Midway and Greenwood on Monday and will not return until the end of the week.

The shaft on the Butcher Boy in Carmi camp, is now down about fifteen feet, from which very rich ore is being taken out. The lead is between five and six feet wide.

Mr. and Mrs. Branson and daughter, of Greenwood, were visitors to Beaverdell this week. Mr. Branson was astonished at the growth of Beaverdell since his last vist.

J. Luzo arrived in Beaverdell Wednesday from Greenwood. He will commence development work at once on the Boston. The Boston is located on Wallace mountain.

R. Longley, superintendent of the Carmi, was a visitor to Beaverdell Saturday. He states that work is going on smoothly in the mine, with very satisfactory results in the quality of ore being taken out.

J. Black, who owns a ranch north of the Bubar ranch on Beaver creek, came up from Midway Monday last, for the purpose of disposing of his hay crop, which has been purchased by W. F. Francis of the Beaverton hotel.

W. H. Pierre came down from Mosher camp Monday to take charge of the News during the manager's absence in Greenwood. The editor will not hold himself responsible for damage done to persons calling at the office and asking for explanations "of items which have appeared in the paper." To make the paper representative of all the interests in town the columns of the News have been divided for the week among the citizens. Messrs. F. F. Ketchem and A. J. Wheatley are responsible for the editorial column; A. S. Embree and H. Holmes, the local; W. A. Keith and R. Halcrow, the society; W. H. Pierre and W. F. Francis, the mining. If there is a failure in any of the departments, some twenty odd yards of careful scissors work have been left for emergencies.

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A. J. Wheatley, of the Beaverdell saw mill, has taken a contract to furnish the timbers for the Carmi mine.

Baird Bubar came up this week for a band of horses which he is taking down to winter on his ranch near Rock creek.

Six men are now employed sinking on the Carmi, with a steam drill. The shaft is down 122 feet. This will be continued down to the 200-foot level when drifting and stoping will be commenced.

There was a 14-inch fall of snow in Beaverdell Saturday night and Sunday, followed by a Chinook which took the snow off as fast as it came, and on Wednesday the ground was again bare. Owing to the storm Wilkins' stage was delayed two days and did not come in until Tuesday night.

Clement Vacher, superintendent of the Sally group, left this week for Central camp, in the Boundary country, to look after development work being done by his company there. He will probably be gone a month, and when he returns it is expected that building operations on the concentrator for the Sally will be commenced.

[illegible] Reed came in from Mosher camp Sunday to get his winter supplies. Nothin ing the way of mining has been done in that camp for the past two weeks, as every one was getting his cabin in shape for the winter. There will be eight or ten prospectors developing their claims in that camp during the winter. Deer are quite plentiful up Beaver creek, the Judge getting two the past week.

P. Kennedy is suffering from a severe attack of inflammation of the bowels. He is at the Washington and Idaho cabin and in his present condition it is impossible to get him down to Beaverdell and from here on to the hospital at Greenwood. Robt. Parry is attending him and everything possible is being done for his comfort, taking into consideration that there is neither a doctor nor a drug store within fifty miles of here.

The wagon road from the Rambler to the river is now completed. The bridge across the river to the wagon road will not be built until it is finally settled whether a sleigh road will be made from Robinson's ranch to connect with the end of the wagon road on this side of the river. An effort is now being made to raise funds to connect Beaverdell with the wagon road at the seventh crossing on the north side of the river. If this is done the Rambler people will not build a bridge at Dry creek.

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