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MINING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

(CONTINUED.)

For this group of mines H. G. Bond, a well-known capitalist and mining broker of Seattle, Washington, offered this spring $25,000 cash and $275,000 in September, but both parties seemed glad that the negotiations failed, though the owners are now very anxious to sell, and would probably be glad to accept other terms. The Slocan Star is in a more accessible position in the southern and opposite side of Carpenter creek, but presents the same general features. Where the owners have commenced work they had made a cross-cut of 7 feet into the lode, exhibiting a fine body of galena measuring in all about 4 feet 6 inches in width, and several tons of ore were in the dump. According to the owners, average assays of this ore gave about 60 ounces of silver to the ton of galena. This lode or zone could be traced in the creek some 700 yards away and 500 feet below; here it showed itself much wider, but apparently only carrying a very small percentage of lead and silver. No work had been done in this place, but the owners were taking energetic steps to drive a cross-cut 100 feet below their present outcrop, I hope and believe with every chance of their finding a fine deposit of ore.

The Freddy Lee is in the next canyon, and on the same side of Carpenter Creek as the Slocan Star. It is at an altitude of 1000 to 1500 feet above the stream, and on the course of a snow slide. Very little work had been done at the time of my visit, not enough to determine exactly if there was a lode or zone, or if it was only a "blow out" or pocket. On the dump formed by breaking up the croppings at this place, there were some 20 tons of galena, mostly of coarse cubes with occasional nodules of tetrahedrite (Fahlerz) which, it is reported, run very high in silver. Some 20 feet above where this work was done there is a narrow seam of ore some 4 inches in width, and the same is found about 30 feet below, but the lode is not traced or its dip or strike determined. James Wardner, the Lucky Jim of the Cœur d'Alene miners, and a local celebrity, who was once connected with the Bunker Hill and Sullivan mine, has bonded this property for $15,000, and had made a payment of $1,500, and was expected to do some development work, and to ship the ore on the dump to some American smelting works, but there was no trail when I was there within about 5 miles of the mine. The Lucky Jim is about 1000 feet above Bear Lake and presents the same general appearance as the other mines, it has been uncovered for about 30 feet on the strike of the lode, the mineralized zone having a width with possibly 3½ feet of galenite, where there is the best showing. No development has been done on this claim. There are other groups of claims such as the Brennan camp and Jardine camp, but they do not claim to be of much importance. The country is extremely rough, the mountains being from 6000 to 9000 feet high, mostly with rocky summits, covered with snow till midsummer, but generally wooded high up the slope; the valleys are V-shaped. Snow slides are very frequent and the creeks have many falls and rapid declivities, and some may be used for water power, notably Carpenter and Kaslo creeks. Three rival trails have been cut, one by the government, one by the C. P. R. and one by the Kaslo Townsite company, all of which are now finished and passable for mules. It is reported that the C. P. R. will make a wagon road from Nakusp to the head of Slocan lake, but this can scarcely be finished and will probably not be begun this year. The Slocan river trail is 32 miles, from the crossing on the C. P. R. to the Slocan lake; it is then probably 14 miles to New Denver by boat. The trail is fairly good and the grade easy. The Kaslo trail is 21 or 22 miles from Kaslo lake to the Bear lake at the summit, with a rise from 1750 (Kootenay lake) to 3780 feet at the summit. There is an uncut trail from Bear lake to the forks of Carpenter creek, about 6 miles, which would connect with trail to New Denver. The trail is made about 6 miles beyond Bear lake, round the mountain hog-back, and zig-zags up the mountain to the Payne mine, at a height of about 5000 feet. The trail stopped there, about 2½ miles from the Noble Five group, because of the snow. The Nakusp trail I did not go over. The season here when transport is feasible, is short, and the winters are long, but now that there are 3 trails into the mines, it is to be hoped that at least one will be kept open all winter. The smelter and concentrating works which are being erected at Pilot Bay, will be when completed, the finest in the Dominion, and equal to any in the United States. The concentrators will have a capacity of 100 tons a day, and the roasting furnaces will be able to treat 50 tons to 75 tons. In addition they are building a refinery which will separate the lead and silver. There will be no difficulty in procuring the limestone and iron ore needed as flux, as there are beds of limestone in close proximity to the Blue Bell mine, and the ore from this mine in itself contains a good deal of iron, in addition a fine deposit of iron ore has been discovered opposite the smelter, on the other side of the lake. The Blue Bell mine, owned by the parties erecting the smelter, has been sufficiently developed to prove the existence of enough ore to supply the smelter almost to its full capacity, for some years to come and the ore is easily and cheaply mined, the tunnel coming out on the edge of the lake near the wharf, about 8 miles north of the smelter. The ore is a galena, mixed with considerable quantities of iron pyrites and zinc blende, and will need concentration. It is argentiferous, carrying from 15 to 25 ounces of silver to the ton. There is a large quantity of decomposed ore matter forming a talus at the foot of the hill in which the mine is situated: the limestone underlying the ore having been leached away, the overlying ore has fallen in, and has formed by double reaction oxides and carbonates. Although the Pilot Bay smelter expects to depend mainly on the Blue Bell mine for its supply of ore, it will also be a custom smelter, and proposes to buy any lead or silver ores offered, and to give prices which, while leaving a fair profit, will encourage the extraction of ore. Next year there will be no excuse for any miners in the Hot Springs camp or round Kootenay lake to remain inactive. This smelter will depend at present on Montana coke or charcoal made in the vicinity, but they eventually look to the Crow's Nest Pass as their source of fuel. The plans for the smelter were laid out before the discoveries at the Slocan last year, or doubtless another location would have been chosen, but it can smelt all the ores coming out by the way of Kaslo Unfortunately the proposed railroad on the route is not of easy grade, and will be expensive to build, and the natural outlet is by Carpenter creek to New Denver. Canada has to thank the McKinley tariff for this American enterprise on her side of the line, and the same cause has led to the erection of many furnaces in Mexico, and the rich dry ores of Arizona and New Mexico are now taken to the poorer galenas of Mexico, and the silver is smelted there to the great benefit of the southern republic, and the injury of the American mining industry. The great smelters of Helena and Butte City have great difficulty in securing sufficient lead to flux the "dry" ores of Nevada, Idaho and Montana, and there is no reason, with proper enterprise, that Canada should not become a purchaser of these rich ores and a smelter of them in conjunction with her own silver and lead. Up till now the smelters have only offered the miners London prices for the metals in their ores, less freight, insurance, etc., to an English port, and have had to charge high smelting rates from the heavy cost of labor and fuel. It is self-evident that lead or other metals can be brought to Montreal cheaper by ship from England than they can be brought by the C. P. R. from British Columbia, and they have claimed that there was no local market to speak of in British Columbia. Owing to the enterprise of the C. P. R. this state of affairs is now altered, as by their Pacific line of steamers to Japan and China the market of the east can be more cheaply reached by the product of British Columbia mines than any other route. The consumption in China of lead of for lining tea chests alone amounts to nearly 10,000 tons per annum, and there is no reason why large manufactories of white and red lead should not be erected on the coast, and even India and Australia supplied by the manufactured article. It will be found too that the California market will prove a profitable one, notwithstanding the duty which is paid by the consumers, and not by the producers. It must be borne in mind that the China market is a peculiar one, and great care should be taken to have the lead pigs of the same size and quality as those to which they are accustomed. In this article I have dwelt particularly on the Slocan camp as it is the newest and least known; but the whole country is teeming with mineral wealth, and development is not confined to this district. The Slocan camp promises, even now, in its infancy, to become a very large ore producer, judging from the prospects already found, and doubtless many more and equally good locations will be discovered, and from the high silver content of the lead, it should take rank as one of the largest silver producing camps in the world. Many disappointments will undoubtedly occur, but I have every confidence that there will be in time several silver mines of world-wide repute, if they are properly developed and judiciously worked, and I trust that Canadians will reap the profits.

There are several other very promising new mines in the Kootenay district, of which I may particularly mention the Tam O'Shanter, owned by Montreal parties, and since the date of my visit I have received word of several most promising prospects having been found.

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Hot Springs News.

MINING LAW REFORM.

So far, our criticism of the mining law has had to do with defects in the provision made for staking and recording claims. But there are also not less material defects in that part of the law which regulates the surveying of claims, and the applications for certificates of improvement. According to law the surveyor is only required to make a plat of a mineral claim as defined by its own posts. But a claim is often very much limited by the rights of prior locations round about it. And, in the case of overlapping claims, a portion of land which belongs by right to a prior, may be patented under a later location. It will be a very delicate question whether, in such a case, the crown grant can be set aside in favor of the prior location, or whether the advertisement of the patentee's intention to apply for a crown grant, does not finally exclude any adverse claimant, who does not bring his claims forward within 60 days of the advertisement's appearing. It requires no prophet's veil to foresee that this point will be fought out at great expense, and much joy to the lawyers, before our section is very much older. Injunctions will be as thick as mosquitoes in Slocan; producing mines will be peremptorily closed down till things are settled, and the business of the whole district will have to wait on the delays of the law.

It is a great relief to those interested in Toad Mountain to know that this state of affairs cannot occur there. There, every claim, as it has been surveyed, has been carefully defined in its relations to the surrounding claims, consequently, the danger from overlapping interests is reduced to a minimum. This is a debt which Toad Mountain owes to the experience and thorough knowledge of the law, and of the requirements of the case, which mr. Farwell has always brought to bear on his work. With regard to the validity of the advertisement to bar any adverse claim brought forward after 60 days, we can only point to any of the numerous advertisements now running in our paper, and ask whether an advertisement, which gives no more idea of the whereabouts of a claim than by defining it as in a certain district, and in many cases does not even invite adverse claimants to bring forward their claims, would bar any bona fide claimant in a court of equity. Doubtless, these precautions are not required by statute, but we venture to think it would be well for the future of the Slocan country if they were adopted. Bad law is worse for a country than low grade mineral. If we were inclined to be historical, we might point to countries and industries which have been paralysed by the laws which regulated them. But what we want to do at present, is to rouse the people of this country to a sense of the parlous confusion in which mining must be involved if reform is not speedy and complete. It requires but little imagination to picture mines closed down, mills at a standstill, wagon roads deserted, and machinery rusting, while lawyers are fighting the battles of adverse claimants. Nor is this any fancy picture: the danger is real and imminent, and can only be averted by prompt endeavors to bring pressure on the legislature to reform the law.

NOTICE.

The undersigned, hitherto trading under the name of the DAVIES-SAYWARD SAWMILL COMPANY, having disposed of their businsss to a joint stock company, it is necessary that arrangements be made for the settlement of all accounts due them on or before the FIFTEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER NEXT, payment to be made to CAPT. S. C. SPALDING, PILOT BAY, and after October 15th accounts will be collectable by messrs. CORBOULD, McCOLL, WILSON & ELLIOTT, solicitors, Nelson, B. C.

JOSHUA DAVIES,
W. P. SAYWARD,
Pilot Bay, B. C., September 13th, 1892. Per J. D.

NOTICE.

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Notice is hereby given that the goods and chattels hereinafter mentioned and described will be offered for sale by public auction, at H. GIEGERICH'S store at KASLO, B. C., on FRIDAY, the THIRTIETH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1892, at 12 o'clock noon, on behalf of the wage earners and laborers of the logging camp of CANE & BILLINGS, said wage earners and laborers having claims against said Cane & Billings for wages amounting in the aggregate to $600. Said goods and chattels may be described as follows: About 100,000 feet of logs and timber now lying in the waters of lake Kootenay, at Cane & Billines camp, on J. H. Haley's timber limit, near Campbell creek, and about 40,000 feet of logs and timber cut and lying in and about said timber limit.

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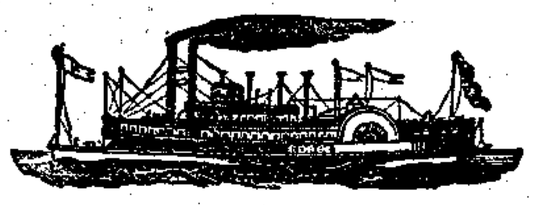

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MINING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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I do not refer to the well-known Toad Mountain group, which includes the Silver King, for at the time of my visit mr. Roepel, a well-known mining expert, was making a professional examination of the Silver King mine, and it is to be sincerely hoped that his report was favorable enough to induce the parties by whom he was employed to complete the negotiations and transfer this extremely valuable property to a syndicate or company which will have the means to exploit it. Should this be done and the working of the mine prove a financial success, it will be the finest possible thing for mining in Canada generally, and British Columbia in particular. The ore of this mine is mostly bornite, a sulphide of copper carrying a large percentage of silver, and should it be treated on the spot, the erection of concentrating and electrolytic refining works will be necessary. These in the United States have had the greatest financial success, and should prove equally remunerative in Canada, while the products in the rough or manufactured would find their natural market in China or Japan. In other districts there seems to be real mining activity. John B. Hobson of the State mining bureau, San Francisco, and perhaps the best authority on hydraulic mining in the world, has been retained to report on the gravels of the Fraser and Thompson rivers, and has reported favorably on them; and I understand that hydraulic mining will be commenced at once. The platinum and gold deposits on the Tullameen and Similkameen rivers are attracting great attention and some are likely to pass into the hands of powerful companies. The same is true of the Okanagan and East Kootenay districts, and great developments are promised in the Boundary creek district, where there are very rich deposits of copper and silver lead, and the late discoveries on Fish creek are, I was informed, looking well, and some claims are being intelligently proved under the management of mr. Fishburn.

In conclusion, I will state that never before since the early days of the Nevada and Colorado excitement, was there such a chance of successful mining enterprise and investment as there is today in British Columbia, for enough has been proved and discovered to show the presence of the ore bodies of great extent and richness. The C. P. R., the Dominion and the Provincial governments are most anxious to assist the country's development and aid private enterprise in every way by the granting of land and the building of roads. A splendid market in China and Japan is within easy reach, and I believe that British Columbia in a few years will take its place as one of the largest mineral producing countries in the world.

Free Gold.

One of the most sensational and romantic undertakings ever inaugurated by the Mexicans is at present in progress in the city of Mexico, and has already resulted in great success. This work is the search that is being made for a hidden treasure amounting in all to $20,000,000, of which $3,000,000 was unearthed a few days ago and turned into the national treasury.

The locality where this great fortune was hidden was, in the days of church rule in Mexico, known as the "Convent of Conception" second in riches to none other in the country. The nuns were of the richest and most prominent families, and no expense was spared to make the convent as luxurious and perfectly appointed as money could do it. There were spacious cloisters, silver fountains, richly furnished baths and rich table service, all of which contributed to render the lives of the nuns as happy as possible.

When the days of the reform came, and the new government overthrew the power of the church party, the convent was hastily abandoned, the Mother Superior leaving behind her however, the written record of the location of $20,000,000 of hidden treasure. In 1861 general Leandro Valle found $27,000 in an alcove of the old convent, and turned the money into the national treasury. A few years later an agent of the government found $22,000 in the tower. The $3,000,000 found a few days ago was all in gold coin and was in iron kettles and boxes buried at a depth of 4 feet under the floor of the main foundation. The government has full charge of the excavations being made at the old convent, and the workmen are guarded by a detachment of soldiers to prevent them stealing any of the valuables that may be unearthed. The search will be kept up until every part of the old, massive structure and the surrounding grounds has been thoroughly explored.

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CREAM OF THE WORLD'S NEWS.

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At Vienna, Austria, 480 doctors have offered to attend cholera patients on the condition that if they die while in the discharge of their duty their families will be provided for.

A brigadier and 3 gendarmes attacked the notorious Maurima band of brigands, numbering 8 men, near Messina, Italy, on the 15th. A fierce conflict ensued, in which the robber chief Rinaldi was killed. The other robbers fled, leaving a quantity of arms and ammunition behind them. A detachment of gendarmes is pursuing the robbers.

A military convention between France and Russia was signed at a meeting between president Carnot of France and de Giers, foreign minister of Russia. An offensive and defensive alliance was decided upon months ago, but has not yet been signed owing to the delay of the statement of the question of France's attitude towards China in the event of an Anglo-Russian conflict in India.

The White Star company has commissioned Harland & Wolff, the great Belfast shipbuilders, to build an Atlantic steamer that will beat the record in size and speed. She has already been named the Gigantic, and will be 700 feet long and 65 feet beam. It is estimated she will steam 22 knots an hour, with a maximum speed of 27 knots. She will have 3 screws—2 fitted like the Majestic's and the third in the center. She will be ready for sea in March, 1894.

Three hundred persons were killed and 90 wounded in a recent gale in the Tokushima district, Japan. Twenty thousand acres of land were devastated by inundations and 42,000 houses destroyed. An epidemic of dysentery visited Kinshu and Spikon this summer, and in Oita prefecture 116 deaths occurred between July 31st and August 6th. Three hundred and seventy-two deaths occurred in Kumamoto prefecture from this cause up to August 6th. In the infected sections new cases are daily reported.

KASLO NOTES.

Messrs. Garrison and Taylor, who have a bond on the Blue Bird mine, in Slocan district, started for that property on Thursday morning.

The steamer Ainsworth will probably make the first of her daily trips to Nelson on Saturday. The Galena has ceased running and gone into winter quarters at Pilot Bay.

John Lane thinks it doubtful if he can get enough men in the country to push the wagon road as fast as is necessary. Probably he will have to bring some in from Spokane. About 50 men are now at work.

G. O. Buchanan and H. Dawes are going to build a fine block on their 2 lots on the north side of Front street, adjoining Coy's building. The ground floor will consist of 3 stores, and above will be 8 offices. Langton W. Todd is preparing the plans.

Archie Fletcher is contemplating building an addition to the Grand Central hotel, and it is rumored that an another large store is to be commenced at once, and also a boarding house. At present the accommodation is scarcely equal to the demands on it.

The 2 corner lots on Front and Fourth streets opposite the Grand Central, changed hands this week for $1000 cash, and were a remarkably cheap purchase. Several other smaller sales also took place.

NOTICE.

I will not be responsible for any goods delivered to steamer Ainsworth unless per my personal order.

DAVID BREMNER.

NOTICE.

Until further notice Steamer Galena will make regular trips between Ainsworth, Galena, Balfour, Buchanan's, and Nelson daily. Will run through to Kaslo Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERTHIP.

Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership (unregistered) heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the name or style of Jowett & Haig, as mining and real estate brokers, etc., at Revelstoke and Nelson, B. C., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All accounts due to the said firm at Nelson are to be paid to William Austin Jowett, who will discharge all liabilities contracted at Nelson, and in like manner all accounts due to the said firm at Revelstoke are to be paid to Thomas Livingstone Haig, who will discharge all liabilities contracted at Revelstoke.

W. A. JOWETT,
T. L. HAIG.

Witness: F. ROESER.

Dated at Revelstoke this Twentieth day of August, 1892.

Mr. Jowett will continue the business on his own account in Nelson and Mr. Haig in Revelstoke.

CARNEY & BARRETT

NELSON MEAT MARKET.

FLOUR, FEED, and HAY. GROCERIES OF ALL KINDS. HAMS and BACON.

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