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## Granby's Annual Report

Commenting on the recently-issued report of the Granby Consolidated, and after referring to the past year as "probably the most difficult one the company will ever experience," the Boston Commercial goes on to say:

"Notwithstanding these trying conditions the company produced 25,746,059 pounds of copper from its own ores and \$816,693 worth of silver and gold. The cost of its copper averaged 10.66 cents per lb. and a net profit of 929,165 dollars was earned.

Reference to Granby's balance sheet brings to light the fact that the company's outstanding bonded indebtedness is not three and a half millions, as generally understood, only \$3,440,000 having been issued, and \$50,000 of these are owned by the company, making the actual amount outstanding \$3,390,000. The annual interest on these bonds at 6 per cent calls for only \$203,400.

At the end of the fiscal year Granby's net balance of current cash and quick assets was \$1,660,228. Apparently this was approximately sufficient for working capital, as its current indebtedness of \$664,680 was made up chiefly of \$180,663 of wage account, and \$431,619 which it owed on supplies.

In discussing the Hidden Creek smelter, General Manager Sylvester says that while it was originally designed to treat two thousand tons of ore per day, the addition of the fourth furnace and appliances for taking care of fine dust will undoubtedly raise the normal output of this plant fifty per cent. Since this report was published the Hidden Creek plant has made a new record with a production of slightly more than four million pounds of copper in one month, and this indicates that its original capacity has already been exceeded by approximately one hundred per cent.

Eliminating the immense amount of ore which is of too low a grade to yield profits under present conditions, Granby's reserves now

amount to 9,205,837 tons of 2.2 per cent ore (44 pounds of copper per ton) at Hidden Creek, 414,775 tons of 2.6 per cent ore at the Bonanza mine in the same district, and 4,232,405 tons of ore in the Phoenix property from which later it is estimated that a recovery of 17 lbs. of copper per ton can be made. In addition to copper the Phoenix ores yield from 75 to 85 cents and the Hidden Creek ores about 31 cents a ton in gold and silver.

"A study of the report indicates that the Hidden Creek property will soon be producing copper, if it is not already, at a cost between seven and eight cents a pound, and that the recovery per ton will gradually be raised to 38 or 40 pounds of copper. While the yield of the Phoenix ores is small, operating costs per ton were lower last year than ever previously, and now that continuous production is possible there is every reason to expect a still further paring of costs per pound of copper."

## Daily C.P.R. Train Service

True to his promise made about a year ago, that he would order the re-institution of the local daily train service that was interrupted by the closing down of the mine, General Manager Hall of the C.P.R., informed the Grand Forks board of trade, last Saturday, that although conditions did not warrant it, yet in accordance with his statement the usual service would be resumed today, Saturday, October 30th. The above news will be welcomed by the local travelling public and business element generally, but by no class more than by the knights of the grip, who have been put to no little inconvenience by the present tri-weekly arrangement. The new schedule appears on page 4 of this issue.

Can there be anything more objectionable in these practical days than the halo of maudlin sentimentality that many people throw around the funeral of a public grafter.

## Our Patriotic Bazaar

The preparations for the forthcoming bazaar are proceeding apace, and every effort is being put forward by the ladies to make the event the success it deserves to be. The proceeds of the sales are to be entirely devoted to the purchase of comforts for local soldiers in the trenches, in addition to Red Cross supplies. Up to the present the Woman's Patriotic Society has done wonderfully well. At various times they have made up and forwarded individual parcels to the firing line, in addition to consignments of bandages and other hospital accessories to England, all of which we know have safely reached their destination, helped to alleviate human suffering, and been thankfully acknowledged. With the possible exception of a few small amounts, the society's funds have all been earned by the promotion of various social affairs, and there is every promise that the forthcoming bazaar on November 17th and 18th, will eclipse in results all previous efforts of the organization. We are asked to request all those who have promised contributions, to leave their parcels with either of the following ladies: Mrs. A. F. Geddes, Mrs. A. Hilliar or Mrs. J. V. Ingram, Sen. The home cooking donations will be called for on the morning of November 17th.

## Someone Has Blundered

Even the Commissioner of Dominion Police, at Ottawa, seems to be at sea as to the distinction between an alien and an alien-enemy. Recently an order was issued to the effect that all aliens shall report to the local postmaster, and that the postmasters shall in turn report to the nearest chief of police, at intervals of say, one month. Now if this order is to be taken at its face value, and obeyed, it will mean that every Italian, Scandinavian, Russian, American, or in fact every man in the country who is not a British subject, will have to pay his respects to the nearest postmaster.

## Copper

The market for copper has relapsed into dullness again, few sales of importance having been reported during the past week or ten days. Lake is 17 7/8 to 18 1/2 cents and electrolytic is 17 3/8 to 18 cents a pound. While a considerable tonnage was sold for export two or three weeks ago, the foreign buying demand has been somewhat disappointing. Exports for the month of September amounted to only 14,327 long tons, being the smallest so far this year.

## Winter Work Suspended

Exploratory work on the Gloucester group of claims in Franklin camp has been suspended until the arrival of next spring. The unfavorable weather and isolated situation of the mine makes it difficult to work in the winter months.

## Will Represent B. C.

Another British Columbia regiment will shortly go into training and represent this province as a complete unit at the front. The battalion in question is the 88th Victoria Fusiliers, who on Friday of last week received orders to be in readiness for mobilization. The officer commanding, Lieut.-Colonel Ross, has recently been in consultation with Sir Sam Hughes. Seven hundred men are required to bring the battalion up to war strength.

The subscribers to the Rossland machine gun fund have decided that the money collected for that purpose shall be given to the Canadian Patriotic fund, with the exception of one hundred dollars, which will be kept and used for the purchase from time to time of articles for prisoners in Germany.

## Motor Party Sniped

Last Saturday, about the bewitching hour of midnight, while a motor car containing a quartette of local nimrods, was passing a spot near the hotel at Westbridge, the occupants were startled by a shot from a 30.30 rifle, a bullet from which penetrated the hood of the engine. The car was at once stopped, and Dan Buchanan and D. J. Matheson advanced on an individual who was seen close by excitedly waving a rifle and inviting all the Germans in France to "come on." The situation was critical, so a resort was made to strategy. "Have you an axe you could lend us?" politely inquired the mayor (he really intended to ask for a feather duster). "Sure," replied the enemy of the Huns, "I'll go and get one," and suiting the action to the word he laid the rifle on the ground went to get the axe. The couple then pounced on the weapon and later the four of them jumped on the man, who afterwards was turned loose, minus his rifle. The other motorists were Jim Hughes, of the local bank staff, and J. Mulligan, police magistrate.

## Chance For B.C. Trappers

In a recent article, A. B. Shubert, president of A. B. Shubert, Inc., Chicago, the largest house in the world, dealing in raw furs, states that the reasons underlying the present great demand for furs is the enormously increased purchasing power of the American people. Furs are more fashionable than ever, he says, and the demand of the dress and garment makers far exceeds the anticipated demands of the cutters of fur trimmings, whose orders are not for yards, as formerly, but for miles, of all grades of every species of furs. This extraordinary demand for the manufactured goods created a big demand for raw furs, and stocks in the hands of the raw fur dealers are practically closed out. This condition of affairs will unquestionably create a big demand for the November and December fresh-caught goods, and no doubt make trapping in British Columbia a very profitable occupation.

## The Weather

Foster promises this portion of the globe a warm wave, about November 2nd, to be followed a few days later by a sharp frost. The temperature all over during the month of November is expected to be about normal, while the snowfall will be light. The storms that may visit us will be of a very moderate character, except during the few remaining days of the old year, when we may look forward to very stormy and wintry weather.

## B.C. Copper Co.

The prevailing rate of output of the B.C. Copper Co., according to an official statement, is 350,000 lbs. of blister copper monthly, with the smelter working at one-third capacity. There are 150 men employed at the smelter and the mines, but it is probable that the force will be increased and production augmented in the next few months.

## Granby Shipments

The following are the monthly shipping figures from the local Granby mine to the Grand Forks smelter:

Month	Tons
January	42,211
February	63,091
March	69,948
April	85,382
May	100,693
June	103,004
July	101,058
August	103,062
September	93,245
Total	761,694

## Yukon Mining

Mr. Congdon, a well-known Dawson lawyer, who has come down recently from the north, says that "quartz mining in the Yukon territory is showing considerable activity. A property which has been showing very excellent results, and on which development is progressing satisfactorily, is on Indian river. At another property, on Bear creek, they have a ten-stamp mill in operation, and contemplate the expenditure of \$30,000 this winter on development. In the Stewart country there are some exceptionally fine silver properties, and the old trail of Dr. Dawson, by way of Dease river and Francis lake is being largely explored." In the matter of placer mining, Mr. Congdon stated that the "strike" on Rude creek was genuine and caused quite a deal of excitement. The results went \$1.50 to the cubic foot in a test of ground measuring 75 feet by several hundreds in length. It was what might be called a poor man's proposition.

## Parcel Social

A very successful "parcel social" was held in the rooms of the Scandinavian hall, last Friday week. The affair was promoted by the members of Fjellrosen Lodge, the women's auxiliary of the S.H. and E.F. Louis Carlson was appointed auctioneer, and deftly disposed of the large number of parcels at a high figure. The bidding was very spirited, and at the end of the sale the treasurer announced that the receipts amounted to eighty dollars. The auctioneer was allowed no commission. After supper the proceedings developed into a dance, the music for which was supplied by the popular Ironsides orchestra.

## German Invention!

General Von Dölp has invented a new anti-aircraft gun. Its range was so great that 65 feet had to be sawed off the muzzle to prevent it from knocking a chunk off the moon.—Potsdam Lyre.

## Parcels For Prisoners

The postmaster-general draws the attention of the public to the large number of parcels for prisoners on hand that have been found unfit to be forwarded. The trouble, he points out is due to poor packing. The parcels are not packed tightly enough.

All parcels should be as nearly round as possible, and the contents should be well padded with shavings, crumpled paper, or some other similar protective material.

The outer covering should consist of strong linen, calico, or canvas, or other textile material, and should be securely sewn up.

As an alternative, parcels may be packed in boxes made of strong double-corrugated cardboard or else strawboard.

Parcels merely wrapped in paper, or packed in thin cardboard boxes, such as shoe boxes, cannot be accepted.

No perishable articles may be sent, and anything likely to become soft or sticky, such as chocolate and candies, should be packed in tins.

The above rules apply equally to those for soldiers in any of the firing lines.

## Recovering From Wounds

The current issue of the Nicola Valley News says that J. Butterworth has received a photograph of his brother, Arthur, who was badly wounded in both legs by shrapnel while serving at La Bassa. The picture depicts him in a London hospital. Although he has been in bed for three months he is now improving steadily, and is cheerful and in good spirits, hoping soon to be able to move about as of old.

Answering an inquiry as to the whereabouts of John Robinson, A. B. Butterworth writes that he caught a glimpse of him about four months ago. The latter was on a hospital train heading for Boulogne, and the latter was on a supply train bound for the fighting front. Robinson is in the Army Service Corps.

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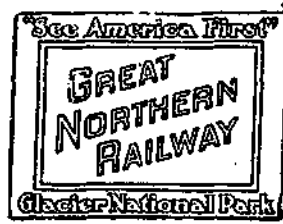
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## Concentrates

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The sale of a seat on the New York stock exchange for \$72,000 is announced.

Wild geese are being sold by Indians at Kootenay Landing for a dollar apiece.

The teaching of German in the London schools has been suspended in favor of Spanish.

A cargo consisting of 6709 tons of zinc concentrates has been condemned by a British prize court.

Over in Great Britain it is forbidden to speak over the telephone in any other language but English.

The Cranbrook women of the bad lands are only allowed to enter the city for two hours every week.

The potato crop throughout the Dominion this year has been very poor. The rainfall has been excessive.

Woollen mills in Canada are engaged on a million dollar order from the Italian government. The contract includes 100,000 blankets and 600,000 woollen shirts.

The Letter Carriers' association of Vancouver have issued an appeal to the public asking them to refrain from purchasing German-made toys for Christmas presents.

United States Consul-General Bray, at Sydney, New South Wales, has advised his government that there is a large number of destitute Americans stranded there.

Replying to a question in the Imperial House of Commons as to the number of British prisoners in Germany, the under secretary for war gave the number as about 25,000.

The Imperial authorities have decided to pay a weekly separation allowance of \$4.20 to the family of each married man among the munition workers who recently went from Canada to engage in that kind of work in Great Britain.

The story is being told in London of an Australian who bayoneted a Turk, but unfortunately the weapon came off the rifle, and the spectacle was then seen of the Australian chasing the Moslem to recover his bayonet.

German influence in Russia has received its death blow. The government has confiscated millions of acres of land formerly colonized by Germans, and in addition have seized hundreds of German industrial, mercantile and financial undertakings.

The following is the education syllabus of lectures now being carried out in prison camps in England: Monday, chemistry; Tuesday, magnetism and electricity; Wednesday, astronomy; Thursday, bacteriology and physiology; Friday, magnetism and electricity. Classes are also held in Spanish, Italian, Russian, stenography, and woodcarving.

The scarcity of Serbian prisoners taken by the Austro-Germans is remarkable. A German correspondent says "the Serbian troops rarely surrender, even in hand-to-hand encounters. They fight until the last possible moment. Thus there are enacted in these battles horrible scenes of the wildest fighting unparalleled on any other front."

General Alexieff, the new Russian chief of staff, is one of the few Russian military commanders who have risen to high rank from very humble circumstances. His mother was an Armenian and his father a poor Russian peasant. He was first an officer in the navy, in which service he became notorious through his opposition to the use of liquor by the sailors.

Robert McClure, a ranchman of New South Wales, has left the whole of his fortune of \$50,000 to a Mrs. Wareham, of Goslar, Yorkshire. McClure was with the Australian troops who repulsed the Turkish attack on the Suez Canal, in which action he was wounded and afterwards taken to England. The lady, whose husband is at the front, paid visits to the hospital, and did McClure some small services which evidently he remembered before he died.

## Boundary District of British Columbia

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### FOREST AND MINERAL WEALTH

Its forest stretches are among the richest in the province, and what is of great importance, easily accessible to river and railway. There is scarcely a square mile of it that is not either equipped with high tension wires, or which could not be reached by the expenditure of the smallest outlay. Not the least attraction from the point of view of the investor, is the sites for water power, which abound in this district.

Just at present an immense amount of interest is being directed to the recent free gold discovery in Greenwood, while in the same district is to be seen one of the best equipped free gold properties in the west, a not inconsiderable asset in these days of industrial depression and shrinkage of gold reserves. It is in this district where is situated the Bhoenix and Grand Forks properties of the Granby Consolidated, together with those of the British Columbia Copper company. In the former camp, and surrounding it for miles on all sides, are acres of crown-granted mineral claims, all awaiting the advent of the investor. The title deeds to these properties, thanks to a beneficent series of mining laws, are unimpeachable, and if proof is wanted of the statement, let us point to the almost entire absence of mining litigation in the courts of the province.

### AGRICULTURE AND FRUIT-GROWING CENTRE

The possibilities of the Boundary as an agricultural and fruit-growing centre are also worthy of investigation, and a visit to some of its splendidly equipped orchards will prove a revelation to the stranger. The highways throughout the Boundary makes this section of the province the motorists paradise, millions having been spent on the construction of government roads.

No locality is better served with railroads than the Boundary district. At present this section is served by two of the greatest systems on the continent, the C. P. R. and Great Northern companies, while within a few months the route to the Pacific coast will be commercially curtailed by the opening of the new K. V. V. branch of the former.

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