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Duthie Mines To Be Reopened.

The best news arriving here since the announcement of the elevator contract is that telling of the reopening at once of the Duthie Mines on Hudson Bay Mountain near Smithers. The engineer in charge has gone to Smithers to make arrangements for the work.

The mine has been tied up for some time owing to a disagreement between the owners in regard to operation.

At the same time that the Federal Mining and Smelting Company closed down the Duthie mines they also stopped work at Dome Mountain and removed their machinery. Yet they completed title to the claims so that they apparently did not propose to relinquish the field.

Violence In Strike Area Is Misfortune.

The violence used in connection with the coal strike in Nova Scotia is a severe blow to democratic institutions. As long as people cannot keep the peace at home it is not to be expected that peace between nations can be a permanency.

It is not presumed here to give any opinion as to the rightness of the cause of the miners or of the operators. Both undoubtedly consider they are right. The cause of any side is considerably weakened, however, when it is considered that violence is necessary in order to enforce it.

There is always a lot of suffering, ill will, hate, and irreparable loss as the result of any strike. When extreme measures are taken by either side this is accentuated and the scars remain for many years.

Government Vessels And The Drydock

Almost every week the newspapers in the south tell of some government vessel being overhauled or docked in the south. There are the fisheries vessels, the naval boats and others in additions to the vessels of the Merchant Marine but seldom do any but the C.G.M.M. vessels come to the government dock here for overhaul or have their work done at the shipyard at this port. The naval vessels go cruising and it would seem that they might just as well cruise to this port and have their overhaul done here at the government institution, but no. They are docked in the south and repaired at private yards.

The dock at Esquimalt is a government dock, but there is no government shipyard in that port. Work done there is let out to a private yard.

Use Of Airplanes On The Increase.

The use of airplanes is steadily increasing and it is impossible just yet to prophesy as to the limitations of air transportation. So far few planes seem to be kept for private use. The days when every person will own an air flivver seem to be a long way off, and yet when we look back only a few years and see how the automobile has swept over the world, it may be expected that a somewhat similar movement will take place in connection with the more facile air machine. Young people today may yetlown their air limousines and call on a neighbor five hundred miles away for dinner and return in the evening.

Preparing To Visit Alaskan City.

Preparations are being made for an excursion to Ketchikan for the annual holiday. The Elks are arranging it but everyone will be invited to make the trip. Now that efforts are being made to form closer association with the Alaskan cities, it is in order for everyone that can possibly get away to cross to the other side to shake hands with the American people across the straits and to get better acquainted with them. The time of year is a good one for such a trip and the arrangements are likely to be of the best.

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Mining Engineer Optimistic Over Future Development of Industry in this District

In summarizing the mining industry for the year in this district, George Clothier, district engineer, in his annual report to the minister of mines, says:

The prospecting branch of the industry is showing increasing activity from year to year in this district for two reasons: First the betterment of transportation by the building of government trails and roads and the assistance to prospectors by grants from the Mines Department have greatly lessened the hardship of prospecting; and, second, the fact that a prospector is now assured that capital is forthcoming for a meritorious showing.

From the review of development the only conclusion that may be drawn is that it has been very satisfactory this year and gives every indication that next year will see even greater advancement towards greater production.

The standing of the district as the leading producer of gold and copper in the province is very gratifying, in that it demonstrates that, given capital well spent, the district will give a good account of itself.

The above facts prove the stability of the mining industry for this portion of the province and that a very optimistic view of the future is warranted.

Tonnage and Values

Tonnage—The total of 1,297,268 tons is the greatest ever mined in this district in one year, showing an increase of 20.8 per cent over that of last year. It is accounted for in the increased tonnage of the Granby, Belmont-Surf Inlet and Premier Companies. A greater number of tons have also been shipped by the small producers, but this does not materially affect the total. Granby has mined over 200,000 tons more than last year, due to the shipments from its Outsider property at Maple Bay and the tonnage from the Hidden Creek mines to the new concentrafor. Premier also shows an increase of nearly 15,000 tons over last year.

Values—The total values in gold (exclusive of placer), silver, and copper of $10,718,887 is an increase of $718,734 over 1923 and 1924 is the third year that the district's output has been in excess of $10,000,000.

The gold output shows a net gain of about 25,500 oz. as shown by the table; the Premier and Belmont-Surf Inlet mines are mainly responsible for this increase. The increase over last year is therefore 16.4 per cent, or 37.1 per cent of the total increase for the province.

The placer gold output for the year is $147,000 from Atlin Division and $3,325 from the Stikine and Liard Divisions, making a total of $150,325 for this district, which is about normal production.

Silver and Copper

Silver exceeds last year's output by 291,055 oz., a gain of 9.6 per cent, or 12.6 per cent of the total increase of the province; Granby dropped off 18,806 oz. and Belmont-Surf Inlet 1,734 oz.; Premier, however, shows a gain of 668,831 oz.; the Esperanza at Alice Arm increased by 6,394 oz.; and Porter-Idaho at Stewart helps out with a production of 33,482 oz., B.C. Silver with 3,526 oz., and Atlin Silver-Lead with 2,250 oz.

Copper, depending altogether on Granby and Belmont-Surf Inlet, shows an increase of 3,210,152 lb., about 9.6 per cent over last year, and 45 per cent of the total increase for the province. Belmont-Surf Inlet contributed a gain of 467,746 lb. and Granby about 3,042,414 lb. Granby's output of 35,992,726 lb. is the greatest in its history.

The district therefore produced this year 36 per cent of the total placer gold of the province, 73 per cent of the total lode gold, 42 per cent of the total silver, and 56 per cent of the total copper; practically the same percentages as last year, notwithstanding the substantial increase of each of the metals for the whole province.

Again forecasting future production, it would seem reasonable to expect an even greater output. The Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting, and Power Company has only had results from the new concentrator for a portion of the year, and under normal conditions, with maintenance of its present smelter output, will very probably show a gain next year.

Premier is Stable

The Premier Gold Mining Company under present operating conditions is probably up to capacity production. The ore reserves are, I judge, greater that proven a year ago and the outlook for some time to come is excellent.

The Belmnt-Surf Inlet has not been able to develop any new ore-bodies of consequence and the depletion of its present reserves is a matter of a comparatively short time.

The development of the Engineer at Atlin and its equipment to a producing stage gives every reason to expect production in 1925.

The Dunwell Mines, Limited, had announced that shipments would be made during the winter, but lack of power due to the severity of the weather necessitated closing down completely. Whether the property will make immediate shipments depends on the future policy decided upon by the owners. Either shipments of sorted ore may be made or the property may be equipped with a concentrator.

The Porter-Idaho will in all probability be developed during 1925. The Esperanza at Alice Arm will no doubt continue to make small shipments of sorted high grade ore. Continuous shipments to the Granby smelter are expected from the Golskeish, near Anyox.

From the B.C. Silver Mines, Limited, adjoining the Premier, a few tons was shipped, more as a trial shipment than as an indication of a steady output for the present.

Another small shipment was made during the summer from the Atlin Silver-Lead Mines, Limited, but steady production is not expected until sufficient development work can be done to properly open up the showings.

At Alice Arm

Recent developments on the Toric at Alice Arm give this property a very promising chance. The Indian, which looked so promising in the upper tunnel, is undergoing some very interesting development at depth. Several other properties in different parts of the district have been giving very encouraging results in development.

Placer mining has been about normal, but is gradually declining in this district. Upper Spruce Creek at Atlin will doubtless keep up the present production for some years. The Dease Lake country has good possibilities and considerable development is being done each year. Experiments toward the recovery of gold from the beach black sands on Graham Island are being watched with interest, as its success would mean a big industry.

The Man in the Moon SAYS—

IF you wish to say goodnight quietly and without disturbing the household, keep your elbow off the doorbell.

AS I was sayin', there ain't much difference between a man and a mule. Both kick like the devil.

WE read about the storms
And hear about the heat,
But living in Prince Rupert,
We take our water neat.

THEY say Honest John has lost the hair off his face. What we are wondering is whether Delilah had anything to do with it.

IF we had known that Premier John was about to emasculate his face, we should have asked for the remains in order to sell them as souvenirs in aid of the Conservative Association funds in this city.

WONDER if John will remain head of the house now that he has seen the barber about it.

SOME unkind Tory says John shaving must be a sign that other people are about to grow whiskers.

THERE once was a premier named John
On his face some good whiskers could don.
But fate came to his aid
And very soon made
A barefaced old leader of John.

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

June 15, 1915.

Mr. Justice Gregory arrived yesterday from Vancouver to preside at the Supreme Court Assizes, which will open tomorrow. There are five criminal cases coming up including the appeal trial of Jonnie May, Hazelton Indian, who was convicted of murder at the last Assizes.

At the suggestion of Mayor Newton at last night's council meeting it was decided to have a committee of citizens make an investigation of the City Hall staff and municipal financial questions.

Major McMullin has received instruction to raise another contingent of men here for active service overseas.

Jack Dowling, writing from the front to his father, F. W. Dowling, tells of the gallantry in action of Col. Peek and Captain Don Moore when wounded.

Dr. James T. Wall, resident physician at the Prince Rupert General Hospital submitted his resignation to the hospital board last week. Dr. Wall is leaving to join the Army Medical Corps for service at the Front.

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