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Interior Makes Progress in Mining and Outlook is Good Declares Resident Engineer

(By Douglas Lay, Resident Mining Engineer)

The present year has witnessed marked progress in both lode and placer mining and some advance in coal mining in the northeastern mineral survey district. An optimistic outlook is engendered not merely because the production in all branches of mining for the current year is a marked improvement over that of last year, but also because of new discoveries. Two discoveries have been made, or have been brought to light, during the year which possess the earmarks of real importance-namely, a deposit of galena on the Onkenika River and a mineralization of essentially gold and silver

at the rate of between 150 and 200

the year are expected to reach well over

also been made from the following pro-

New Hazelton Gold Cobalt Mines, Lim-

ited. Rocher Deboule Mountain, Hazel-

ton, 25 tons (gold-arsenic); Fiddle

group, Knauss Creek, Dorreen, 30 tons

(gold). This latter property is still

shipping and a total of 100 tons may be

reached by the end of the year. A de-

posit of fireclay has been opened up by

the Chilcotin Road, close to Williams

Active development has been carrie

on at the Schufer group, Hudson Bay

Mountain, by the British Canadian Sil-

Cassiar Crown Copper Company, Grouse

at mica properties on Mica Mountain.

HARRIS ACTIVITIES

of the first two mentioned and H. A.

(Usk), the Cordillera group (Usk), and

on the Venus group (Mineral Hill) a

certain amount of development beyond

At the Red Top group, Topley, F. H.

Taylor had two men besides himse

constantly employed since discovery of

this mineralization, which has attracted

assessment work was carried out.

shipped to Vancouver.

values near Topley, on the Canadian National Railway. Both these are re- Henderson Mine on Hudson Bay Mounplacement deposits and will be more tain. Shipments of lead-zinc ore fully referred to in the body of this re- high silver content have been continued

Several companies, entering this dis- tons a month, and the shipments for trict for the first time, have been carrying on somewhat active development. Among these may be mentioned British Canadian Silver Corporation and Marsh Mines, Consolidated, in the lode mining field and the Consolidated Mining and tain, Hazelton, 60 tons (silver-lead-zinc); Smelting Company of Canada, Limited, in the placer mining field. A large number of small scale operations have been carried on at various points of the district. So far as actual lode mineral production is concerned. Duthie Mines. Limited, is in a class by itself, contributing about 90 per cent of the total.

Highly satisfactory results have been B. A. Cunliffe on Borland Mountain, or gained by the Kafue Copper Development Company's dredge on Antler Creek and Lake; 120 tons, approximately, has been by the Cedar Creek Mining Company opcrated under contract by B. Boe. Anher very gratifying feature of this year's placer operations is the number illed to determine dredging possibili-Keen interest has been evinced in istrict by field engineers, especially

REDUCTION IN RATES Of high importance to the district is the recent reduction in freight rates to the Trail smelter. The rate on ore from Smithers to Trail. This rate rise ore. This reduced rate was announced by the Canadian National Railways as being effective from August 2. Of inter-started on these properties. est also is the fact that the General Holding Company, Limited, of Edmonton, has a force of between ten and twelve men developing its mica proper ies on Mica Mountain, near Fort Grahame, on the Finlay River.

The Peace Canyon Mining and Transportation Company is engaged in de veloping the Gething coal leases nes Hudson Hope. In the investigation of the Tesis Mountain mineral area south of Eutsuk Lake a new pass was dis vered through the coast range, which parently was only known previously

Harris carried on development under con-Generally speaking, while the recent tract at the American Boy. ump in silver is unfortunate, there are sound grounds for the belief that this district will witness important develop

LODE-MINING

so much attention. Valuable development work was accomplished. In the Cariboo and Queenel Mining WATER NOTICE Divisions considerable interest was evinced in the quartz veins. On Pros-DIVERSION AND USE. erpine Mountain, early in the year, A. Wallinder, secured an option on Imperial and Independence groups, own-

ed respectively by F. J. Tregillus and T. Blair, and E. E. Armstrong. After running 200 feet of crosscut tunnel the op-In the Quesnel Mining Division, on

Black Bear Creek, there are a numbe of wide quartz veins containing lenses has produced the famous Sullivan. The of galena in places. An attempt is be-

PLACER-MINING Features of placer-mining were th ighly successful results obtained by the Kafue Copper Development Company's dredge on Antler Creek after a number unfortunate accidents earlier in the This dredge is now digging a por tion of the creek which is very rich and which the "old-timers" were unable to drift. It is stated that in one month value of \$38,000 was recov NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY TO

> The results obtained by B. Boe, oper ating the property of the Cedar Creek Mining Company under contract, were distinctly spectacular. The rich ground encountered was immediately below north-west of the "Nugget Patch." recovered, one nugget weighing 17 or This property is operated by the "pum

for the spring run, but cold weather in September greatly curtailed the Hopp Mines on Lowhee Creek and Kitchener Creek. Each piped off about

600,000 cubic yards. The Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada has a force of men under R. B. Shellery working the

H. C. Carry leases, upper Antler Creek. A large number of small operators at various points have displayed their usual energy. In certain cases considerable ingenuity has been shown in constructing efficient plant with makeshift machains; thence west 16 chains; thence terial and limited means. These small north 6 chains to shore; thence east 16 operations are frequently of real value in indicating what can be done by larger judicious expenditure of capital.

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perties: Silver Cup, Nine-mile Moun-Works in improving the trail, G. W. Otterson endeavored to get to Manson Creek from Vanderhoof with seven sleighs loaded with new placer-mining machinery hauled by a Fordson caterpillar tractor. Unfortunately, owing to the very mild winter and early melting snow, it was not possible to get farther than about 100 miles north of Vanderhoof. The machinery had to be left at that point, and it is understood that when fall snow permits the expedition will start again. Another attempt was made by J. Ogilvie during the summer to haul equipment in wagons over this route to Manson Creek. No word has been received as to what success was ver Corporation; at the property of the

COAL MINING

Mountain, by Marsh Mines, Consolidated; Telkwa Collieries, Ltd.-With the aid near Fort Grahame, by the General of the Department of Mines a num-Holding Company. All these have em- ber of improvements were made during ployed crews of from ten to twelve men. the year to the road between the Goat An option was secured during the sum- | Creek Colliery and Telkwa, a distance of mer by Henry Lee Messner, representing 51/2 miles. Shipments now take place New York interests, on several properties by motor truck instead of sleighs as in the Babine Mountains-namely, Ba- heretofore. A small force of men is bine Silver King Mining Company (six-lemployed at the colliery on development teen claims). Hyland Basin group (six | work which yields sufficient coal to cliams), Victoria group (six claims) and supply the available market. It is an-Silver Saddle group (twenty-three ticipated that this year shipments will claims). Small-scale operations were total 858 long tons.

PRODUCTION

S. A. D. Davis, acting for the Idaho Lode Mineral-The estimated total Lead-Zinc Corporation, secured an op- production of load mineral is 2,032 tion on the Seven Sisters group, Seven tons, which is more than double that Sisters Mountain, Cedarvale, and an- of last year. The following is a list of nounces intention of working all win- shipping properties and their outputs:-Output Estimated

to Oct. 31. Ttl. 1926 Among other properties, which were the scene of considerable small-scale Duthie Mines, Ltd. . 1.847 activity, may be mentioned Silver Cup. Silver Cup Sunrise, and American Boy. W. S. New Hazelton Gold-Harris, of the Northern Prospecting and | Cobalt Mines, Ltd. Development Company, was in charge Fiddler Group 30

Grand total 2,032 Placer.-The placer output of the dis-At the Valhalla and Kleanza groups trict is estimated at \$285,000, as com-

pared with \$210,098 in 1925. NEW DISCOVERIES Two discoveries of decided interest were made during the year, namely:-(1) A deposit of galena-a replacement of Pre-Cambrian limestone-on the Ingenika River, 45 miles from Fort Grahame. This is the Trout Lake group, owned by J. Ferguson. Fort Grahame is situated approximately in the centre of a strip of Pre-Cambrian rocks, which extends a distance of approximately 125 miles north and south of Fort Grahame of the river systems, the Finlay and Parsnip Rivers, which have their courses in the Rocky Mountain trench. This region is of particular promise from mineral standpoint, more especially be cause the Pre-Cambrian area in East Kootenay, occupying a precisely similar position in the Rocky Mountain trench latter give grounds for the hope that something of the same kind of persistore bodies. Very little development has to light. That it should have been been done on the Trout Lake group and the wisdom of a diamond drill campaign F. H. Taylor, the locator, much credit. is apparent. Unfortunately this region suffers from geographic disability and advisable to prospect the region intenan entire absence of roads. Ingress and sively, say within 10 miles of the Red egress is during the open season given Top group, in the hope of discovering a by either the Peace River from Peace similar showing. While the region is River (town) on the Edmonton, Dun- heavily overlain with glacial drift in vegan and British Columbia Railway, places, there are creeks and dry gullies

(2) Red Top Group.-This is a re- 45deg. W. (mag.), but of course the placement mineralization of iron pyrite, width is quite unknown. Mackaboy arsenopyrite, and galena, carrying values creek, about 1 miles east of Perow and in gold and silver, occurring in a highly perhaps 6 miles west of Topley, is altered rock, which has not yet been good starting place as rocks are well definitely classified. This prospect exposed on both sides.

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