

News of the Mines

AROUND PRINCE RUPERT

Stewart Field Has Made Tremendous Strides This Summer—Silver Cup Should be Big Payer—Consolidated Active on Legate Creek.

From a mining standpoint it can be asserted that tremendous strides have been made during the past season in all sections of this district due to the so-called stock boom of last January and February which enabled a large number of the smaller operations to secure substantial sums for development and the encouragement thus given was reflected throughout the entire mining fraternity says the Stewart News in discussing the situation today in the Portland Canal district. This has resulted in much extensive and intensive

prospecting on the part of the prospectors with the result that the territory being explored and prospected was increased in area very materially, possibly thirty percent, and a large number of new prospects located. The area now under examination for mineral deposits can now be viewed as a triangle with its apex thirty miles south of Stewart out to a base 50 miles long, thirty-five miles north of Stewart.

As a result of developments during the past few years, geology of the district and ore occurrences therein are commencing to be better understood, resulting in the simplifying of the search for ore bodies. It must not be overlooked, however, that nearly every section of the district differs from the other and there is still a tremendous amount to be learned by the technical men. This will only be made possible by time, study and observation. There is not a question but that, as each year succeeds another, technical men are predicting a great mineral future for the district.

Speaking of actual development, the most spectacular at the moment possibly is the tremendous work being carried on by the Premier Gold Mining Co. preliminary to the development of the Silverado, Porter-Idaho and Prosperity and it is reasonable to assume that the Marmot hill will be one of the greatest metal-producing hills possibly in British Columbia. Another salient feature of development is the operation of the Consolidated on the George Copper and Big Missouri properties and their persistent watchfulness to the end of securing still further holdings.

There are grounds for accrediting rumors circulated locally that Consolidated may possibly take over low grade discoveries recently made by Tim Williams and Charles Knipple somewhere in the Bowser Lake district on the east side of the mineral belt. This would be the greatest stride imaginable in extending the prospecting and exploration of the mineral belt along its strike northward toward the Stikine. The theory that little could be expected on the Upper Bear River section in the way of high-grade ore has been exploded by the spectacular discovery on the Mountain Boy, which discoveries have given a tremendous flip to the whole American Creek and upper Bear section. The Bitter Creek section is also coming into favor with the discoveries on the Mayou, Lucky Strike and others. The Georgia River section, long noted for gold values, seems at last to come into the limelight by the activities of the Georgia River Gold Mines Ltd. The season, while having been productive

of satisfactory results, has also had its surprises and disappointments such as Woodbine and Bayview but neither of these, however, may prove decisive and the percentage of disappointments is exceedingly small. No particular section of the district under exploration has any monopoly on ore bodies but each section must almost be looked upon and studied as a separate entity.

Aside from mining the railroad situation is pregnant with interest and the town of Stewart itself is taking on an air of permanence and solidity.

Judging from the consistent shoots of ore from the surface to the 500 foot level, the Silver Cup at New Hazelton is a property which should pay dividends over a long term of years. The ore will run \$30 to the ton and the cost of mining and treating is estimated at about \$13 a ton. The modern flotation mill, which is being installed on the property should be in operation by November 15.

Encouraging reports are being received from the M. & K. group of claims on Legate Creek which is under development by the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. Good ore has been opened up both in No. 1 and No. 2 tunnels which are 500 feet apart, so the ore body is of some considerable extent. Work will be continued on the property as long as weather will permit. So favorable are the prospects for the M. & K. that Consolidated has now taken an option on the adjoining M. & M. group from Roy Moore and some work is also being done on it this fall. J. D. Sweeney has been working all season at the head of Legate Creek on the Nabob and Allen groups and is well satisfied with the way they are showing up. Scotty Reid of Prince Rupert has been doing assessment work on the Lindy II group of Legate Creek.

JUDGE YOUNG ENTERS UPON THIRD DECADE OF HIS SERVICE HERE

The Vancouver Province in its "Twenty Years Ago" column on Monday recalled the arrival in Prince Rupert from Atlin of Judge F. McB. Young and his family. His Honor held his first court here in a tent on Centre Street. His two decades of judicial service here has been marked with impartiality and fair dealing to all who have come before him. He is one of most respected members of the British Columbia bench.

ROGERS HORNSBY IS SAID TO BE SOLD TO THE CUBS OF CHICAGO

The New York Sun, in a copyrighted story says Rogers Hornsby, manager of the Boston Braves, has been bought by the Chicago Cubs for \$200,000 plus three players, Webb, Heathcote and Maguire. The story says Hornsby received a bonus of \$25,000 for signing a contract to play second base for the Cubs for the next three seasons at a salary of \$40,000 a year.

DULY CAUTIONED

The master of the house went into the kitchen and informed the cook that his wife's aunt was coming on an indefinite visit. "I've made out a list of all her favorite dishes for you," he said. "Yes, sir," replied the cook. "And," he added, "the first time you serve any one of them you're fired."

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