News of the Mines

AROUND PRINCE RUPERT

Prodigious Ore Bodies Reported On Big Missouri; Premier to Take B. C. Silver and Sebakwe; Rainy Hollow Claims Change Hands

Probable ore in the Big Missouri mine in the Stewart district is now estimated at $350,000,000. Estimates give a width of 350 feet and a length on the strike of 1900 feet with 550 feet of backs and, figuring 12 cubic feet to the ton, this gives 30,000,000 tons of ore estimated to run $10 per ton. In the two high-grade fracture zones, figuring on the same basis and considering only the 500 feet opened, there are 2,000,000 tons of ore estimated variously at from $40 to $50 per ton. Under present plans it is proposed to drop down the hill to the south 1500 to 2000 feet, and, driving a parallel tunnel at 400 feet greater depth, thus gain an additional 400 feet of backs, or a total of 950 feet. By comparison the tremendous ore bodies of Noranda, which have been developed to the 1000-foot level from the surface on a vein averaging 50 to 60 feet in width, pale into insignificance," says the Alaska Weekly in speaking of the property. "We do not consider it at all hazardous to venture the prediction that Big Missouri will gradually work up to the point of milling 10,000 tons per day of ore of a $10 grade and showing a $5 net profit.

It is predicted in Stewart that a deal will eventuate whereby Premier Gold Mining Co. will take over the adjoining B. C. Silver and Sebakwe properties. A deal with this purpose in view was under discussion some time ago between the respective contracting parties, but no agreement was reached at that time and negotiations were called off. Now, however, it is stated that negotiations have been resumed with prospects of a successful conclusion of the deal, which would mean the early production of both the B. C. Silver and Sebawke mines through the use of the Premier's milling and tramway equipment. Both B. C. Silver and Sebawke have been carrying on extensive development programs and now have large ore bodies blocked out. It is said that, if the pending deal goes through, the capital stock of the Premier Co. will be increased to take care of the outstanding shares of the B. C. Silver and Sebawke properties. The Premier has expended to date on its property $2,500,000 and has paid dividends of other $13,000,000. The B. C. Silver has expended $627,000 in exploration work and the Sebawke $200,000.

The Stampede group of gold bearing claims, located in the Rainy Hollow district in the extreme northwestern corner of British Columbia, has been taken over by P. R. Bradley of the Gastineau Juneau Mining Co. of Juneau, the price being $100,000 with a cash payment. This property has been owned by William Bunting of Hyder and John (Stampede) O. Stenbraten and was located five years ago. The ore is free milling gold, averaging about $10 across four feet with values remarkably steady throughout. The vein has been traced for 2000 feet. A shaft has been sunk and other work done to open up the property. The new owner will spend $20,000 this year and will bring the property to production as soon as possible.

A crew is already at work on the Babine Victoria property adjoining the Babine Bonanza in the Babines driving a new main tunnel for the Lorrain Copper-Silver Mines, Ltd., which was recently formed to take over development of the property.

C. H. Sawle, editor of the Omineca Herald of New Hazelton, after having not been there for five months, recently paid another visit to the Silver Cup mine in his district and he was inclined to marvel at the transformation that had been brought about during that time in the construction of the mill that is now in operation and other noticeable changes. Mr. Sawle, in an article in his paper, fully describes the new operating property. He compliments the company owning the mine on its courage and foresight in bringing the property to its present stage. He makes special reference to W. B. Dornberg, the man responsible for the development of the Silver Cup, who is expected shortly at the property to witness the final testing out of the plant and the first concentrates dropping into the bottom bins. "Before he leaves he will see the Silver Cup on the way to a profit-making enterprise."

The interior district has been somewhat agog as a result of a big ore strike made during the week on the Wrinch group of the Owen Lake holdings, now being developed by the Owen Lake Mining Co. The ore not only came in much earlier than was expected but the values are considerably higher than was indicated by showings nearer the surface. The ore was encountered in a 7000-foot tunnel which had been started near the lake on the Wrinch group to intersect an extensive vein system extending across the Wrinch and Cole claims. The ore was picked up when the tunnel was driven 120 feet, though it was originally believed that the vein would be encountered before 300 feet. The vein is four feet wide and the ore is encouragingly rich in galena and chalcopyrite. A large tonnage is already assured and the latest find should bring closer the time for the establishment of a hydro-electric plant and mill at the property, this being in the company's plan for the summer or early fall. In addition to the Wrinch, work is also being carried out on the Cole property, where a shaft is being sunk which has already uncovered fine ore bodies with excellent values. This shaft is now down about 70 feet and will be continued for another 30 or 40 feet, when drifting on the ore will be proceeded with. There has been a keen demand in Smithers for Owen Lake shares.

TIT FOR TAT

A well-known Temperance reformer was invited by an Aberdeen landlord to a week's fishing. At the end of the week the boatman was asked how he had got on. "Nae ata'" was the reply "he had nae whusky, sae I took him whaur there wis nae fush."

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Fashion Facts

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Now is the time for you to plan accessories for that spring suit. In a spirit of helpfulness we offer three chic blouses.

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For wear about town and for sports, the jacket dress is still important. This model posed here is of black jersey, the most popular fabric in the sports world this season. The skirt is of the yoked variety, the blouse of figured cravat silk, and the jacket of a regulation cardigan.

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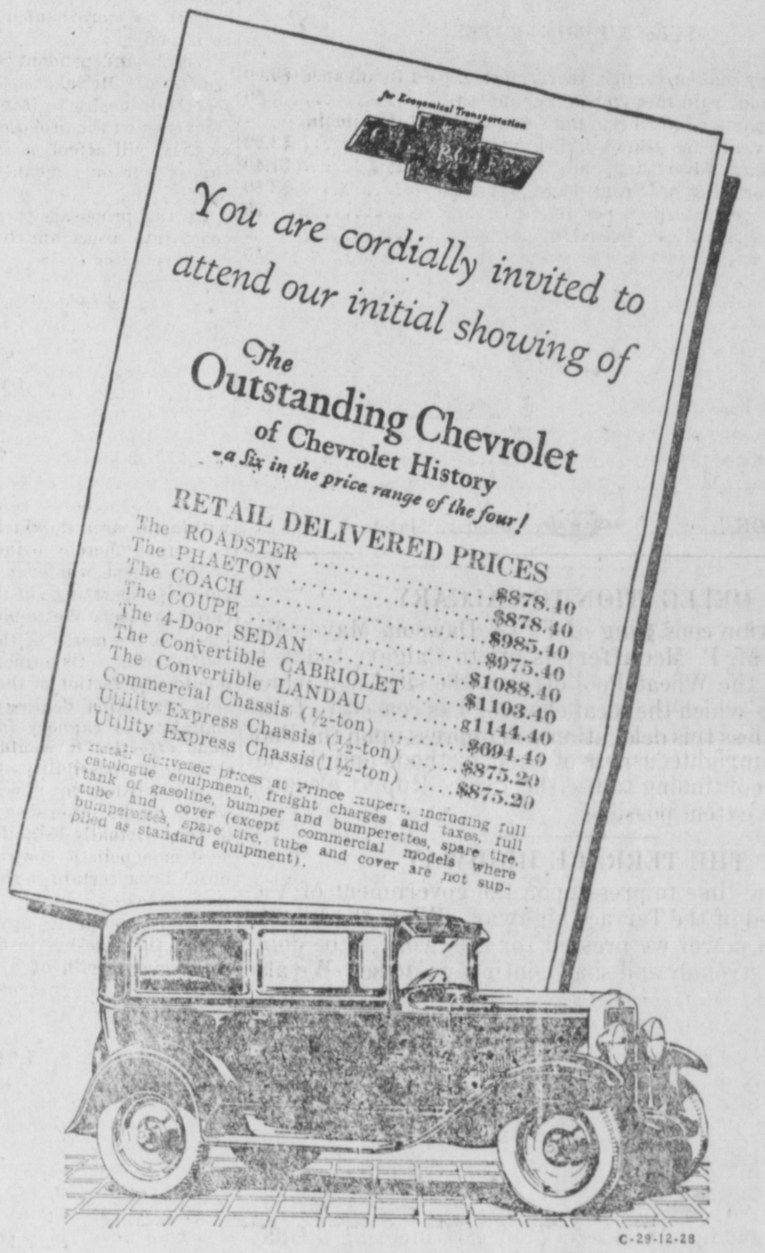

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