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# News of the Mines

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### Topley Richfield Mine Closed; New Ore Body Located At Owen Lake; Nelson Man Options Telkwa River Property

A climax in the affairs of the Topley Richfield mine was reached recently when the directors, meeting in Smithers, decided to close down operations on the property, the few workmen remaining from the crew of fifty men engaged for over two years having been instructed to move everything from the lower workings. The equipment will be stored until such time as the company makes further plans. It is understood that the management may cast around for another property on which to use the complete development plant. The summer's work on the Topley Richfield was most unsatisfactory and it was apparent for some time that the end was inevitable. Until April of this year, the situation looked very promising but from that time the results were very disappointing, no new ore being opened up. The final move came a month ago when it was decided to test the ground below the 200-foot level by diamond drills. This also failed to disclose commercial ore. The Topley Richfield Co. itself is said to be in a strong financial position and it is announced that examinations will be made of a number of properties in the district. Should any of these show promise, the company is prepared to go to work. Nothing in that regard will be decided for some time, however.

A huge body of ore, located about 300 feet ahead of the face of the present long crosscut tunnel, has been indicated by radiore electrical prospecting on the Owen Lake holdings, this heretofore unknown ore body having been shown to extend across a full claim. Toward this new showing the long crosscut tunnel is rapidly being pushed and, in addition, there are three strong outcrops on the Wrinch property which will be cut by the tunnel which is now in a distance of 2200 feet. Considerable drifting has also been carried out on the several veins intersected at points in the tunnel. At one point a drift was run 150 feet and proved the ore to be continuous. With new ore indicated and known showings, the tunnel will have cut 5 veins when the objective has been reached. Operations at Owen Lake are now under the supervision of Mr. Foss, who recently arrived from Toronto to take over the management for the Timmins interests.

Additional interest is directed to the Milk Creek section of the Telkwa River district by the optioning of the Grandview group of mineral claims by R. E. Woolverton, president of the Granite-Poorman mine near Nelson. The terms of the agreement call for two-third interest in the property for $60,000 with a cash payment of $2,000 and a monthly payment of $200 until the first large sum falls due. The Grandview group created a mild sensation during the early summer through rich gold - silver - lead - copper values shown in the ore and work carried on by the locators has resulted in some high assays being obtained since that time. The property is owned by Anthony McDonald, John McKenzie, Thomas Riley and Phil Bishop. Seven claims are included in the group, most of which were owned by Telkwa people 20 years ago and allowed to lapse. Thirteen samples sent out for assay gave an average value of $296, the highest total value in any one sample being $1,382. Assays show the gold values to run strong in the ore, the average for the 13 specimens being $14.50, with $85 the highest for any one sample. A large number of claims have been located in the vicinity of the Grandview group and on most of the other locations good values have been shown. So far little work has been carried out but, with outside interest shown in this substantial manner, the adjoining owners are planning to undertake considerable work in the early spring.

Showings on the new property on Boo Mountain near Paling, recently taken under option by Frank H. Taylor, are reported to be opening up in a surprising manner. Surface stripping has shown the vein to be approximately 12 feet wide and this has been exposed by open cuts for a distance of between 200 and 300 feet on the strike of the vein. The walls of the vein are well defined in the work so far performed. The ore is copper with some gold and silver values. As a result of the splendid results already obtained, Mr. Taylor has increased the crew on the claims from five to eight men and he has also taken options on five more claims, to make a total of 13 claims in his holdings.

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### Little Miss Marie Balagno Honored On Saturday Afternoon By Ladies' Music Club

At a specially arranged and interesting recital in the Japanese Mission Hall on Saturday afternoon, Miss Marie Balagno, who took highest marks in recent primary examinations of the Toronto Conservatory of Music, was presented with a cup offered by the Ladies' Music Club. The presentation was made by Mrs. R. L. McIntosh, president of the Ladies' Club. Little Miss Balagno, who is the daughter of Charles P. Balagno, well known local piano tutor, is a pupil of Sister Madeleine of St. Joseph's Academy.

There was a program by various scholars who took the Toronto Conservatory examinations, items being as follows:

"Goblin's Frolic" (S. Heller), Edith Wilkinson.

"Intermezzo Caprice (P. Duval), Chiea Nishikaze.

"A Curious Story" (Heller), Peggy Blott.

"Valse" (Opus 70, Chopin), Ruth Nelson.

"Hungarian Rhapsodie — Mignonne" (Koelling), Marie Balagno.

"Noctune" (Op. 64, No. 2, Chopin), Katherine Watson.

"Valse in C Minor" (Opus 64 No. 2, Chopin), Helen McCaffery.

"Polonaise" (Op. 40 No. 1, Chopin), Marie Murphy.

At the conclusion of the program, refreshments were served.

# Massett Native Died On Sunday

### Joseph Ledabouche Passed Away Yesterday Morning After Illness of Two Months

The death occurred at 8 o'clock yesterday morning in the Prince Rupert General Hospital of Joseph Ledabouche, native of Massett, who had been a patient in the institution since August. He was seventy years of age and is survived by relatives at Massett.

Funeral arrangements are in the hands of the B. C. Undertakers.

Provincial Constable Robert Gibson returned to the city on Saturday afternoon's train from a brief trip to Port Essington on official duties.

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