

NEWS OF THE MINES AROUND PRINCE RUPERT

**Whitewater Deal Papers at Juneau For Signing—
Galloway Discusses Gold Situation—Progress
of Development Work on Unicorn**

Papers arrived recently at Juneau to give effect to the purchase of the Whitewater group of gold quartz claims in the Taku River mining division by Noah Timmins, Toronto mining capitalist, and J. B. Woodworth of Vancouver. The vendors are D. J. McDougall, Walter Barron, Ray Walker, William Strong, Arthur Hedman and Ray Rice all of Taku who are to receive \$125,000 in three annual installments.

Following the passage of a resolution at a recent meeting of the Duthie Mines Ltd. authorizing the directors to give a quit claim of the assets of the company to the mortgagee, the shares have been taken off the board of the Vancouver Stock Exchange and will no longer be traded in.

Marking the close of an operation which was carried on for some time with considerable enthusiasm,

equipment of the Owen Lake Mining & Development Co. one of the promotions of the late Frank H. Taylor of Smithers, is now being offered for sale to pay the debts of the company.

The largest producing lode gold camp in British Columbia has been Rossland, J. D. Galloway, provincial mineralogist, told the Canadian Institute of Mining & Metallurgy at its recent convention in Vancouver. Next to Rossland in importance has been the Premier mine in the Portland Canal district. By-product gold in 1931 will show a consider-

able decline, predicted Mr. Galloway, owing to the closing of Copper Mountain mine and with Britannia and Anyox on reduced schedules. Premier's output will be less and the Nickel Plate has not been in operation but Pioneer, Union and Reno will largely offset this factor. This year gold will account for 75% of the gross value of Premier's output compared with 60% for the entire producing period of the mine to the end of 1930. "Lode gold production has fluctuated from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000 a year in the last five years," said Mr. Galloway. "During the period the mainstay of production has been the premier at Stewart with 60% of the five-year output, 1927 to 1931 inclusive. The 1930 figures show that of the output of 160,728 ounces, 85% was produced by gold mines and 15% as by-product gold. Of the production of 136,708 ounces from gold mines nearly all was contributed by five mines—Premier, Pioneer, Nickel Plate, Union and Reno. Of these Premier has only a somewhat limited life failing new discoveries.

John Hovland, who is in charge of development work on the Unicorn property adjoining and immediately north of the Big Missouri

mine in the Portland Canal district, left Stewart last week for a business trip south. When asked as to results obtained to date in development work, Mr. Hovland stated that the main tunnel had been extended 80 feet and was now in 420 feet. The objective of this tunnel was a vein which it should cut at about 620 feet. The face of the tunnel is in quartz mineralized with pyrite carrying low values in gold. Free gold was found in small quartz veins in the porphyry for the entire distance of 80 feet driven this season but the average values were low. At a point 370 feet from the portal or 50 feet back from the face of the tunnel, a crosscut was driven to the west for a distance of 38 feet for the purpose of exploring a large gold-bearing zone about six hundred feet wide which has been traced on the surface for 2,200 feet, having a north-south strike. In this formation there is known to exist small high-grade gold quartz veins. So far but two of this type of vein have been discovered, both carrying free gold but too low in value to constitute shipping grade. The entire cross-cut is in the gold-bearing porphyry cut at all angles with small veinlets of quartz in which occasional free gold may be seen. Iron pyrite, zinc and lead are the chief mineral associated with the gold-bearing porphyry. The mineralization and the values are improving in the cross-cut to the west and the face is now heavily mineralized with iron pyrite and lead and zinc. On the surface west of the cross-cut there are a number of east-west cross-fractures in which some very good grade gold ore has been exposed in open cuts. The cross-cut will explore these veins at a depth of 300 feet. The work has been shut down for the present but Mr. Hovland hopes to resume operations soon after the New Year.

Dale L. Pitt, general manager of the Premier Gold Mining Co., was chairman of several of the functions at the recent convention of the Canadian Institute of Mining & Metallurgy in Vancouver. Mr. Pitt is not yet back at Premier from the convention although William Asseltine, superintendent of the concentrating plant at Premier, returned last week after attending the gathering.

At last night's meeting of the school board, a letter was read from Dr. S. J. Willis, superintendent of education thanking the secretary of the local board for a report which had been made on observance of Australian week in the local schools.

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Clive Brook takes the part of Towner, a wealthy New York society man, who is driven by his wife's infidelity and indifference to seek solace in drink and the favors of a cabaret singer. One night he becomes dead drunk and the girl takes him to her apartment and puts him to sleep on a couch. Her husband, a crook who has just got out of prison, comes to see her with the intention of blackmailing her and Towner. While Towner, unconscious, is locked in another room, the husband and wife quarrel and finally, the crook, in a fury, chokes his wife to death and rushes away. Towner is, of course, suspected of the crime but is eventually cleared of all suspicion and the picture ends happily with Towner and his wife discovering that they love each other after all.

Kay Frances looks handsome as Towner's wife, Miriam Hopkins, who will be remembered from Maurice Chevalier's "Smiling Lieutenant," is appealing as Rosie Dugan, the cabaret girl. Regis Toomey is Rosie's villainous husband.

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Whist: Ladies' first, Miss Aileen Stewart, on cut with Mrs. Whiffin; consolation, Mrs. Fred Riffou; men's first, Joe Garon; consolation, Arthur Murray.

After cards delicious refreshments were served and a linen drawing took place, Miss Helen Balagno being the winner with ticket number 11.

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