NEWS OF THE MINES

ox Logical Site for Coast Smelter—$25,000 of Gold Taken From Boulders Creek—Great Hazelton Mining Area

ile much talk is going the rounds in the south for er to be established near Vancouver, the Northern aut, Stewart newspaper, points out that hard work north is under way to block out sufficient ore re- at Anyox and other northern mines to justify the blishment of a smelter at Anyox. It is generally that Consolidated Mining g Co. has six million opper ore blocked out in nyox mine. There is con- onnage in the Coast Cop- The George Copper, iles inland from Stewart roposed Canadian North- ailway, has several mil- of ore. Sunloch on Van- and, which is understood considerable tonnage of g, is another potential All four of these mines lled by Consolidated and, sufficient tonnage is de- would be logical, says ern Argonaut, for the to establish a modern the north.

ox on this week's vyage er Catala picked up at considerable quantity of steel which it is taking ver for transshipment to

O'Brien, chief field engin- Consolidated Mining & Co., following a visit to pany's operations at Big and Anyox, declared him- well pleased with the pro- operations at both points.

Premier Mines Ltd. had a ting profit of $59,651 for before deductions for de- and depletion. A to- 429 tons of ore was milled month averaging .25 gold and 5.96 ounces ar emier Gold will pay a of three cents on January holders on record at 16.

Coastwise Steamship & s freighter Amur was at cently loading Silbak concentrates for Tacoma

than $35,000 is reported to have been recovered during the past season from the Percy Peacock placer leases on Boulder Creek in the Dease Lake country during the past season by hand methods. Five men recently passed through Prince Rupert on their way out to Vancouver from this property while nine more were still on the grounds awaiting favorable weather so that a plane might take them out. Peacock and Jack Wheaton, who have now sold their Boulder Creak leases to S. C. Barrington and Joe Walsh will probably stay in for the winter. The new owners have already started taking in heavy equipment to be used in mining the property next summer.

Gold mining operations in the Atlin placer district are gradually slowing down for the winter although, only recently, the mines were still not completely frozen up and there were still about sixty men employed on the creeks. Mines on Spruce Creek, owned by Gus Johnson and Axel Nelson, had their sluice boxes still open and in operation. Alder Creek and Golpe mines were also being still operated to some extent. William Atchison had suspended his Pine Creek operations until next spring.

The topography of a 10,500 square mile section of British Columbia lying mostly east and north of Hazelton is shown on a set of four maps recently issued by the Department of Mines and Resources at Ottawa. A particularly rugged country and difficult of access, the west half of the area is largely unknown and has received comparatively little attention from the viewpoint of its mineral possibilities. Last year the Department of Mines and Resources mapped that portion of the area south of the Babine River most of which is considered favorable for prospecting, particularly for gold, silver, lead and zinc. At present the old Silver Standard is the only active property in the district. During the war years, however, the Rocher de Boule copper mine produced a total of 5,800,000 pounds of copper, 51,000 unces of silver and 3,700 ounces of gold. Little or no prospecting has been done north of Babine River although the geology is believed to be favorable for the occurrence of minerals. No properties are being developed in the east half of the Hazelton area and there are few prospectors in that country. The region is largely unknown and geological work has been confined mainly to the western and southern borders. This work has indicated that the area is worthy of prospecting for placer deposits. In contrast to the Hazelton country, the Manson River area, more especially the western half, is one of the most active mining regions in Northern British Columbia, all of the operations of importance being centred around development of placer deposits. Considerably more than $1,000,000 was expended on such work during the past summer, a large part of it for the construction and improvement of roads. The whole region is served by airplanes from a base at Fort St. James and there is also a freighting service up the lakes to Takla Landing and a trucking service from Fort St. James northward to Manson Creek and Germanson Landing.

With some five feet of snow at the Big Missouri mine and the season well advanced, all the men who have been employed on extra outside work at the mine have now been laid off for the winter.

B. F. Smith, manager of the Silbak Premier mine, is at present on a tour of inspection of the company's various mining properties in British Columbia over which he has direction.

Mining of the Portland Canal district is described in an article written by A. G. Rix, district manager of the Imperial Oil Co. at Prince Rupert. "One of the most important mines in Canada is located in this district," writes Mr. Rix, "namely the Silbak Premier Mines Ltd., formerly the Premier Gold Mining Co Ltd. This mine has been in continuous production since 1918 and, up to date, has paid out in dividends the sum of $20,000,000. Six miles beyond Premier is the Big Missouri mine which is being developed by Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. Ltd. The two mines mentioned are the largest concerns in the district but there are numerous smaller companies which are doing their share in the development of the highly mineralized area. Speaking of transportation problems Mr. Rix mentions the use of tractors, airplanes and pack horses.

MANY SHIPS ARE BUILT

Norwegians Have Ordered Motor Cargo Vessel; Two for Poland; Twenty-Three by End of Year

LONDON, Dec. 14: — An order for a motor cargo vessel for Norwegian owners has been received by Swan, Hunter and Wigham Richardson, Ltd. The vessel will be about 9,300 tons and 420 feet long and it will be laid down in the builders' Wallsend shipyard. The machinery will be erected at the Neptune Engine Works.

There is at present no other Norwegian tonnage under construction on the Tyne, but Messrs. Swan, Hunter are at present fitting out two other vessels for Polish owners. One of these is a transatlantic liner for the Gdynia-American Line and the other a vessel for the Polish-British Steamship Company, to be used for continental trade.

The output from northeast coast depR, 3xrehTiesCship ba-o5cfinci shipyards has been good this year. So far seventeen vessels have been launched on the Tyne and about another six will take the water by the end of the year. The Wear has launched thirty ships. Formal announcement of the completion of the financial arrangements involved in the placing of eleven vessels of 61,000 tons deadweight and a floating dock is awaited from the National Steamship Company of Cuba.

Ship repairing has been active in the northeast, especially on the lower reaches of the Tyne.

LADIES IN CHALLENGE

Prince Rupert Women Trundlers Lose to Ketchikan Men Last Night

A challenge five pins bowling match played last night between visiting Ketchikan trundlers and a local ladies' team, the Ketchikan players taking three games to nil. High average scorer was Helland of Ketchikan with 231.

Individual scoring:

KETCHIKAN	1	2	3
Daniels	159	156	148
Packard	170	129	203
Roady	197	145	156
Helland	225	220	248
Howard	182	220	243
Totals	933	885	989

PRINCE RUPERT	1	2	3
Nelson	134	163	146
Pierce	168	213	207
Keran	199	115	230
La Belle	187	212	171
Ballinger	219	158	223
Totals	907	866	977

John D. Healy of Winnipeg, assistant to A. E Warren, vice-president of the Canadian National Railway, arrived in the city on last night's train from the East in the course of an official trip to the Pacific Coast and will proceed tomorrow night to Vancouver on the ss. Prince George. Tomorrow evening Mr. Healy will be the speaker at a dinner of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce.

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CANADIENS ARE BEATEN

Boston Draws Out Further in Puck Lead—Amerks and Rangers in Seond Place Tie

NEW YORK, December 14 (Canadian Press)—New York Americans defeated Detroit Red Wings by a score of 5 to 1 here last night to join the New York Rangers in a tie for second place in the National Hockey League standing. The Boston Bruins defeated Montreal Canadiens at Boston 3 to 2 to draw out further in first place.

The league standing to date:

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Boston	9	1	2	33	15	19
Boston	8	1	2	35	13	17
Rangers	7	0	3	29	20	14
Americans	6	2	5	31	39	14
Toronto	5	2	6	24	21	12
Canadiens	4	1	9	32	45	9
Detroit	4	1	9	28	38	9

Hockey Standings

Pacific Coast League

Portland	10	3	1	48	25	23
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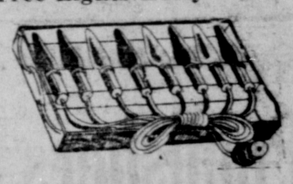

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