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### ON NESTLE L. HILL

A Brief Review of the Work and Progress Being Made.

### RAILWAY WILL MAKE SHIPPERS

Immense Bodies of Medium-Grade Ore, But Unprofitable for Shipping at Present.—With Smelter and Railway Facilities It Would be a Hive of Industry.

Having recently visited some of the claims adjacent to the Nettle L. on the Nettle L. mountain a few details may be of interest.

The Nettle L. mountain as it is now known comprises that portion of the mountain on the south side of the 6-mile creek emptying into the north fork of Lardereau creek, and the 7-mile creek emptying into the south fork of Lardereau creek. The mountain is semi-circular in shape and gradually slopes to both creeks, forming the confluence of the north and south forks into Lardereau creek. On this horseshoe are located a great number of claims on which more or less work is done.

The Nettle L. mine and claims adjacent thereto are well known and need comment here as they are constantly before the eye of the public.

The claims on this ledge further south, adjoining the north fork of the Great Western Co. properties on the southeast are the Brov and Haven mineral claims on which considerable work is done, but not sufficient to thoroughly prospect the ledge, which is massive with good walls, and carrying considerable iron pyrites and chalcoprite, with galena interspersed through the lead, and is in every way worthy of attention. Work on these claims systematically carried out should show good results.

Adjoining the last named claims are the Goose Caps, possessing mineral showings on the outcroppings, requiring development to demonstrate their value.

Adjoining the Goose Caps are the Kootenays, similar in every way to the Goose Caps, with little work done on them.

Above the Kootenays adjoining on the east is the Union Jack group of claims on which considerable work is done. On these claims good showings are met with at surface and in the workings.

Adjoining this group on the southeast comes the Black Eagle, Sunset and Canadian, on which considerable work is done, showing large bodies of mineral.

To the east and adjoining the before mentioned claims are the Pittsburg, Imperial, Crown Star, Black Hawk and Royalist mineral claims, with fractional claims wedged in wherever space was found. On most of these claims two or more assessments is done showing massive veins of quartz, chalcoprite and a little galena.

Again to the east adjoining the above claims come the Idle Hour group, Three Friends, Annie and other mineral claims on which considerable work is being done. On the Idle Hour group the vein has improved wonderfully from the starting of the tunnel. From specimens recently brought from this property it seems to be entering a good mineral zone. The ledge running through these claims is very large and from the improvement taking place development should bring these to the front in the near future.

From one or more of the veins traversing this mountain immense deposits of hydrated peroxide of iron is found having a dark brown or yellow (ochre) color. The iron has evidently been dissolved out of veins passing through the mountain by water containing organic acids, or carbonic acids.

On the Annie mineral claim an immense body of iron ore has been found, length, 40 feet wide averaging from 2 to 4 feet thick where cut through. Many other deposits are found on the mountain but of lesser size. Evidently this part of the country is rich and is still heavily impregnated with iron. With the opening out of these immense veins large deposits of ore may be expected.

In the valley again to the southeast is the Gold Bug mineral claim. On this claim a crosscut tunnel is run about 100 feet intersecting two veins in which considerable mineral is met with.

Adjoining the Gold Bug is the Coon, Cheyenne, Davey, Crescent and a host of other mineral claims. On the Cheyenne considerable iron bodies are encountered and has the appearance of

making a valuable property if developed.

"If developed" or development applies to all the claims before referred to. The mines are at work and the others partly developed show an improvement with work done. Not one claim in the district that has been systematically developed is a failure. This therefore should encourage claim owners to exert every possible effort in getting ahead with their work, as also will it encourage intending purchasers when this fact becomes fully known.

With the railway coming into the district better and cheaper transportation is at hand. The large bodies of medium grade ore which could not be handled at a profit will now come in for a share of consideration and we shall see the successful claim everyone believes it to be at last realized.

### ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS AND SOCIALISM.

Many orthodox christians oppose socialism because without understanding it they believe it to be unchristian and opposed by the leading men and papers of their church. These beliefs are both erroneous. Socialism is so distinctly christian that it is often spoken of as "Applied Christianity." It is really the application of christian methods to our social, industrial and economic systems. As to the belief that leading church men and leading church papers are all opposed to socialism, you have but to scrutinize closely the pages of any christian paper (except the Christian Guardian, a Canadian official publication) for a few weeks to discover that to be a mistake. Below are extracts from the Western Christian Advocate, an official organ of the M. E. church in the United States. Similar passages are found in the papers of all other orthodox churches, but these are chosen because the writer was brought up in a Methodist family and has the advantage conveniently at hand. An isolated example is not given but a number of passages from different copies of the Western, extending over a period of several months.

"Socialism is a species of voluntary socialism; it is a form of mutualism which does not involve the suppression or effacement of the individual."

"Jesus was the first sociologist, the first to arraign society against itself in analysis under the light of moral law."

Sociology is an analysis, but it analyzes that it may reconstruct. "Jesus was a social reformer, because he discovered unrealized social ideals."

"A state which demonizes silver when the silver dollar has reached a premium of two cents—that is to say reverses an economic process by legislation—may accomplish other and more benedict results by legislation."

"God help the nation! The law does not protect them and the law makes not regard their sufferings."

"The previous mistake of christianity has been in attempting to shape itself in ecclesiastical organs, instead of unfolding its meaning and exercising its functions in the social life of the world."

"The oppressed classer do not want charity, but justice; and with simple justice the necessity for charity will disappear or be reduced to the minimum."

"Christianity, while saving men and women in the world, and taking them to a salvation beyond the world, is pledged by her genius and her teachings to save the world itself."

### THE CHANCES FOR A RAILWAY.

The contractors on the Balfour extension are beginning to move their outfits. All the camps are through work, with one or two exceptions, at the Procter end of the line.—Nelson Tribune. The Tribune has no reason to doubt going to work on the Lardereau branch as yet. It is expected, however, that something definite will be known by July 20th, the date upon which the C. P. R. take over the Balfour branch. This response is awful.

### MORE BROKEN PROMISES.

Sir Wilfred Laurier falls far short of fulfilling his promises in regard to Chinese exclusion by raising the tax. It was announced in the house of commons on Wednesday that the poll tax on Chinese entering the country would be increased \$50, that it will now be \$1000. This is a long way from \$500 and is not likely to meet with favorable consideration in the west. The Japanese are untouched.

### WIDE WEST GROUP

Big Force of Men Now Developing Its Hidden Wealth.

### A LONG TUNNEL BEING DRIVEN

Big Surface Showings, Accessible to Transportation, Plenty Timber and A Strong Company to Work It, Making it Everything That is Required to Become a Success.

Walter Russell, Dan Cameron, Chas. Morrison, Alfred McPherson and four others left on Monday to commence work on the Wide West group, situated on the headwaters of Pool creek, a tributary of Fish river, about six miles from Cambourne, owned by the Wide West Gold Mining Company of Lardereau. This group consists of three claims, the Wide West, Lake View and Ontario, comprising about 156 acres of mineral land. W. H. Jackson, of Rossland, one of the directors says: "There are five large ledges in a range of mountains of solid slate and lime formation, which ledges are plainly visible for miles distant, showing an immense schist and iron cropping, with veins of quartz, calcite and iron, stratified in all directions, from six to fifteen feet wide, the quartz being soft and sugary, impregnated with iron and galena rock well mineralized. On ledge No. 1 there is from one to three feet of shipping ore and twelve feet of ledge material. Ledge No. 2 is about fifteen feet wide with a large body of ore in sight. Ledge No. 3 is about eight feet wide with seams of galena ore in solid iron pyrites. Ledge No. 4 is fifteen feet wide, of solid iron pyrites and galena schist. These leads are known as the Great Horn, Blackburn, Lost Horse and the Jennie Lind. These are the only properties in the Lardereau country that I know of which have five of the greatest leads of the country running through them."

"The development work done on the claims consists of open cuts on the surface opening up the best showing and good prospecting has been done, and wherever there has been a shot put in the ore shows up in large quantities."

The assays are as follows: No. 1, all values \$10.20. No. 2, \$32.00. No. 3, \$28.50, and several others running between \$25.00 and \$50.00, showing that the average would be about \$35.00 to the ton.

"The surface showings as well as the natural facilities for the working of the properties are unquestionably good. There is sufficient timber on the Lake View claim and vicinity to feed a saw mill for years to come. All three properties offer exceptionally good advantages for tunneling: a tunnel on the Lake View started from the level of the creek would in about six hundred feet give nearly eight hundred feet in depth. The cost of development should be very small with such facilities."

As soon as development is commenced on Wide West, the property will at once begin to pay back the initial expenditure and become a dividend payer much earlier than the average mineral claim. These properties are known to have one of the largest showings of mineral in the Lardereau division. They are surrounded by such well known mines as the Beatrice, Lardereau Goldsmith, Hunter and Trapper, Black Bear and Athens group. The group is one of the most promising in the country, and will no doubt make a very valuable property."

I cannot speak too highly of the Wide West group, as there seems to be nothing to hinder it from being on the shipping list and dividend paying in a short time."

### NEWSWORTH FOR WINDERMERE.

Vol. 1, No. 1 of The Outcrop, a bright, new well-patronized column folio, published by W. P. Evans at Cambourne in the Wide West district of East Kootenay, is at hand. The Outcrop, with Mr. Evans at its helm, will be a strong factor in bringing that country to the front. Mr. Evans has been connected with newspaper work in this province and the northwest for the last eight years, in fact the writer "hold cases" alongside him for two years in the early days of our western development. The Outcrop is of good mold sought for news of that portion of B. C. and the residents there are fortunate in having such a thorough altonian newspaper man as W. P. Evans in their midst.

### NEWS OF THE WEEK

The Eagle's Tub on Lardereau's Coming Mines.

### FORGING TO THE FRONT RANK

In Spite of the Difficulties Met With In Not Having Railway Transportation.—Assessment and Development, Trails, Now Finds and General Information.

The Black Eagle. John Grant, Ole Sandberg and T. Graham arrived in the camp on Monday and on Tuesday went up to the Black Eagle, three miles from Ferguson on the south fork trail, owned by Mr. Grant and other old country capitalists. This is Mr. Grant's first visit to the property and though the present workings have exposed nothing of great value, he has decided to do 200 ft. of work on a big strong lead which lies some 800 ft. above the present workings. He thinks more of the Black Eagle than it was represented to him to be. Mr. Grant will leave for Colorado to-day, but will return in a few days. He has not quite recovered from the fright given him by the exorbitant prices asked for negro prospects when out here in the camp.

Upon his return, however, he may be able to secure a good bond on one or more properties, under the same terms as are willingly given him in Colorado.

### Work on the South Group.

W. E. Smith of Seattle, arrived in the camp this week. Mr. Smith, B. Crilly, George at the Nettle L. and two Hyde brothers also of Seattle, own the Smith group on Mohawk creek about a mile below and north of the Beatrice. The group consists of three claims, the Franklin, Frisco and Black Hawk. Last season Mr. Smith drove a crosscut tunnel 90 ft. on the Black Hawk, the centre claim, but did not reach the lead. He has purposes opening this summer, with the assistance of a miner sent by Mr. Crilly in his stead. They expect to tap the lead with 10 ft. more work. In order to get more depth they will work sinking at this point on the lead and then drift. The surface showings are excellent. Four assays averaged \$6 in gold, \$11 copper and \$84 in silver and galena. The owners have the courage of their convictions and will stay by this property until it becomes a shipper, and they get their money back many fold.

### The Trilene Group.

The eight men working on the trail from the Trilene group came down on Saturday night, having completed the trail after two weeks hard work. The Messrs. Lade and Gunn brothers left yesterday with pack horses, and supplies to get the trail on the Trilene. They will take out one all summer to ship this winter. The government, through our new representative Thos. Taylor, will be asked to assess the second year's trail into good shape. No assistance whatever has been granted towards the work so far, and it is only reasonable to expect the government to put the same faith in the results as the claim holders at the other end. When a private individual is willing to stake his all on a claim the government should meet him in half way in trail construction at any rate.

### The Copper King.

D. Morgan, L. Thompson and H. Carter returned from up the north fork on Friday, where they have been doing assessment work on the Copper King, owned by H. C. Dier of Revelstoke. A 10 ft. open cut on one of the leads and a 7 ft. tunnel higher up on the same lead is the result of their work. The Copper King is located on the west slope of the north fork, 3 1/2 miles from Ferguson. It is accessible the year round, but sufficient development has not yet been done to demonstrate its value. 15 lead specimens from the stringers in the lead give big assays, particularly in copper. With more development these stringers may become concentrated and a good body of ore exposed.

### Revenge and Chamberlain.

Arthur Evans, L. Wisener and Harry Nellis left yesterday with supplies to commence work on the Revenge and Chamberlain, two promising properties up Fish river, adjacent

to Cambourne, the new townsite. They intend to cut out a trail, build a cabin and make preparations to continue work indefinitely. Work will be pushed on the new showing discovered this spring. A trail shipment will be made and the owners are confident that it will net them at least \$100 to the ton.

### The Early Bird.

J. H. Dimmelk and C. A. Irwin left on Sunday for the Early Bird, located between the Golden Gate and I. X. L. and also joining the Alpine. They now have a 9 ft. shaft sunk upon the lead, but intend to open out and prospect with a view to deciding the best means of future development. This property is in good company, but like many such it requires development to prove its worth. The indications so far are extremely gratifying to the owners.

### Richmond and Hope.

James Comerford came down from the north fork yesterday and reports things brisk up that way. Mr. Comerford was up at the Richmond and Hope, owned by H. Carter and L. Thompson. They have 8 ft. of ledge material, carrying copper and galena, assays of which go 32 per cent. copper, 55 oz. silver and \$2 in gold, also lead, to the ton. D. Morgan and the owners are now at work on them.

### The Daisy and Kicker.

Hugh McCurdy, Chas. Dillon and Geo. Bothwell came in from Trail, B. C. last week to commence work on the Daisy and Kicker, properties they located last season above Haskins creek in the foot of Trout lake, on what they claim to be the same lead as the American, which is now pending sale, is staked upon. If developments are satisfactory they may continue work for some time.

### North Fork Properties.

J. W. Westfall came down from his various properties up the north fork last evening. He will return again on Friday. Things are looking A. J. on the Old Gold, and the men are all hard at work on the other properties, but nothing of note has transpired during the past week.

### Mabel Group.

Messrs. Morgan and Irwin have decided not to try getting in supplies to the Mabel for a few weeks yet on account of the snow, but the first week in July will see them hard at work. The owners intend to do a lot of work and make a test shipment this summer.

### Adjoining the Black Bear.

A fine lead about 4 ft. wide has been exposed by a land slide this spring, on the claim adjoining the Black Bear on the east, situated at the headwaters of Pass creek. H. Carter and D. Morgan will commence work on it as soon as the snow goes off at that point.

### Bond Taken up on the Silver Queen.

A. St. G. Hamesley of Vancouver, was in looking over the Silver Queen last week previous to the company making the second year's trail. Mr. Hamesley will return in about three weeks, when further particulars will be made public.

### The Montana Group.

J. Brady and Steve Slinger left on Sunday to do assessment work on the group, which is situated on the old Silver Cap trail, about a mile above Smith. The group consists of three claims, the Joe Martin, J. B. and Montana.

### Peachcock Copper.

Assessment work on this property, an extension on the Copper King, owned by Wm. Dyer, has just been finished by Messrs. Carter, Thompson and Morgan, with satisfactory results.

### PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES SUNDAY.

D. L. McCintock, a Presbyterian mission student who has been in the Lardereau-Duncan district for the past year, walked from Argenta over the summit to the foot of Trout lake and rowed from there to Trout Lake City last week and held church services in Ferguson's hotel sitting room at 3 p. m. on Sunday last, and also at Trout Lake City in the evening. A large congregation listened to a short well conducted sermon here. In the event of a Methodist student not succeeding J. E. Fleming, Mr. McCintock will take up the good work in this community for an indefinite period.

### BIG POSSIBILITIES

"The Coming Mining Empire of the North West."

### LARDEAU WILL PLAY ITS PART

Wonderful Strides Being Made in the Last Few Years.—Modern Machinery and the Latest Methods of Mining Are Giving Magnificent Results in West Kootenay.

The West Kootenay is chiefly remarkable for its great mineral wealth. Marvellously rich deposits have been discovered in different sections, and new finds are frequently made. It is a country of illimitable possibilities, but only few parts of it, when the best area of hidden wealth is considered, have passed beyond the early stages of development. Great strides, however, have already been made, notably in the Trail Creek, Nelson, Kelso-Slocan and Ainsworth districts, where many properties are completely equipped with costly modern plants for mining operations. In the Lardereau, Big Bend and other portions of this rich region, mining is being prosecuted with every advantage as capital is acquired through the working of the properties, or is brought in, the output of ore will be immensely increased. The mines of the Kootenay district added to the world's supply of precious metals during 1898 about \$12,000,000, and last year more than doubled that amount. All this in the face of the fact that but few years ago, this part of British Columbia was a primeval forest, unknown to the outside world. Scarcely, if ever before, has the investment of an equal amount of capital produced such magnificent results in so short a time. So rapid has been the recent development of this district and so encouraging the prospects for even greater expansion, that an eminent American mining authority speaks of it as "the coming mining empire of the North West." By experienced mining men who mine on good business principles, mining is being prosecuted with every advantage, with improved machinery and new methods of mining, it has gradually grown to be one of the leading industries.

### NOT AN IDLE MAN IN THE CAMP.

There Will Be a Continuous Pay Roll From This Date.

The time has arrived when claim holders, who have been out of the district making the piece of a grub stake, are returning to do assessment and development work. For the last five or six years these claims have held on, and every year saw a little more work done on their claims. With the advent of a railway and mining companies' representatives coming into the district should no longer be necessary to leave a grub stake in winter. For this date Lardereau's pay roll should be continuous. There will be ten times as much ore shipped this winter as last. Another thing a donor property being worked this season to one last. Most of the companies operating in the district at present are here to stay with it. The same may be said of claim owners as far as lies in their power, with limited means. The construction and operation of a smelter here is almost assured. This, with a railway in sight is quite an impetus to the struggling population which has held down this camp for the past few years. There is every reason to believe that many of them will be rewarded for their tenacity this season.

### THE NETTLE L. IS ALL RIGHT, BUT—

A Kaslo correspondent to the Nelson Tribune is responsible for a story that J. J. Young refused an offer of \$100,000 for his shares in the Great Western Mines, (Nettle L.) from F. W. Gelsal, a wealthy Albatran rancher. Apparently Dave Young of Kaslo, has been studying the aforesaid correspondent. Several glaring errors in the article are apparent in other particulars, so that the rest of it is likely the same will be true. It is likely the same will be true. It is "coining" money out of his newspaper.

W. F. Tye, chief engineer of construction to the C. P. R. system, returned to Nelson on Saturday en route east after spending several days at Trail. So far as can be learned no announcement has been made regarding the Lardereau branch.



HINTS TO INVESTORS.

Advice that Will Give Cause of Mind if Followed Closely.

Do not be guided by the prospectus which consists of a series of eloquent worded innuendoes. Do not believe the report of the expert which is usually attached to the prospectus, inasmuch as that of a man well known of admittedly honest character, or in the case of a stranger, unless you can personally verify the careful scrutiny of yourself and of such of your friends as may be experienced in mining.

Do not judge the capacity of the directors for conducting such an important concern as a gold mine by their titles. The names looked for should be those of well known business or commercial men in London or elsewhere; of directors in successful mines; of mining engineers, or the partners of well known magnates in the mining world, who will take care that their names shall not be mixed up in a directorial capacity with any company likely to be a failure.

Do not for a moment consider the advisability of taking shares in a mine which is not provided from the start with sufficient working capital. The smallest amount of working capital asked for must be \$20,000 in the case of a speculative venture, and \$50,000 when anything specific or definite is undertaken such as sinking a deep level shaft, or driving a tunnel, to locate the continuation of any reef. This sum must be in cash not in the shape of half cash, half reserve shares, or in any other understood that no mine can be developed and equipped on a sound scale for \$50,000. This sum is to be devoted to development only. If results are favorable a further large amount will be required to be provided for the same.

Do not favorably consider a scheme in which the vendors propose to annex 60 or 80 per cent. of the shares. As a rule the approving of a scheme is usually favored as a mine, has only cost the vendors the price of pegging out and surveying or at most \$1,000. In the company in which you have applied for shares goes to allotment, make it your business to find out how much of the working capital stipulated for has actually been subscribed.

Do not in the early days of the mine's existence, believe what newspapers or

printed circulars say as to its success. It takes many months to prove a mine. Do not assume that all the vendor shares are "pooled," and that the market is being worked by one man, believe in the genuineness of facts, or Stock Exchange quotations.

Finally, and most important of all, be satisfied with a reasonable or even a small profit. When you decide to sell do not give your brokers a limit, although it is above that at which the shares then stand, but sell immediately and right away. Thus should the novice, or the speculator who has no accurate sources of information, conduct his gold-mining operations, at least when dealing with new and unproved mines. If you want to follow the rules laid down above, only about 20 per cent. of the gold-mining operations have proceeded to allotment. Even then, of course, the speculator should not assure himself against loss but he would greatly minimize the risk, and at the same time would have the satisfaction of dealing with the business in a common sense and perhaps profitable manner.—Carl's Gold Mines of the World.

A LESSON IN ECONOMICS.

The existence of the unemployed is so common and familiar as to awaken little or no interest, yet it is one of the most remarkable economic phenomena. That there should be people willing to produce the wealth that all desire, but denied the opportunity, that men should suffer because there are too many hands willing to produce the things they want, is certainly remarkable. The paradoxical and unnecessary nature of the evil has naturally prompted many schemes and plans for betterment. It is not only when men are crowding the street and moving about in search of employment that there is an unemployed class. There is a lack of employment when we have not an opportunity to work to their fullest capacity. If men are content to accept employments in which their greatest productive capacity cannot be used, and when there are a certain number unemployed, although they are not entirely idle. The belief that the condition is due to over-population has been dispelled by the appearance of an unemployed element on the western continent.

Much of religion to-day is only a respect for the religion of the past.—Investigator.

LIGHT AND BREEKY.

Tutor: "You know, of course, that in Christian countries such as ours a man is only allowed one wife. Now, what is that state of things called?" Pupil: "I know. Monotony!"—Punch. A teacher in a certain school recently received the following note from the mother of a boy who had been absent for a day or two: "Dere Man—please eggessue Willy. He didn't hav but one pare of trousers, an' I kep him home to wash an' mend them, and Mrs. O'toole's cow come and et them up der line, and that awt to be eggessue snuff, goodness nose. Yours with respect.—Mrs. B.—T.H.B.H.

Krank: "The bill of fare at this place is getting infernally monotonous. Here's 'fried onions' again, to-day." Frank: "Fried snuff?" That does smack of infernal monotony."—Philadelphia Record.

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Board of Directors:

CHAIRMAN: W. J. TRAPDALL, Esq., M.D., London. VICE-CHAIRMAN: J. M. McLELLAN, Esq., Rosland, B. C. BANKERS: THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE (Correspondents in Great Britain—THE BANK OF SCOTLAND.)

THE COMPANY: is incorporated under the most stringent laws (Specialty Limited Liability of B. C.) and its Charter was granted July, 1899.

THE COMPANY: has built its own roads to Circle City, mine buildings, quarters for 200 men, blacksmith's shop, forge, powder houses, etc.

THE COMPANY: has surveyed its "Rob Roy" and "Highland Chief" with its own ready for Crown grants.

THE COMPANY: has a magnificent Water Power on Gale's Creek crossing its own property.

The natural question arises—"Why, if there is all this, do you have to offer stock for sale?" We answer that if you know there was a pot of gold in your garden which you could not dig and you had a shovel and no money to buy one with, you'd like to raise money! That's where we are! We have to get at the pot of gold, and then—those who have stock will be fortunate, and those who haven't will wish they had! Come, or send in and investigate.

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