

## SENSATION AT THE LE ROI MINE

### Shipments of Ore Overvalued to the extent of \$335,000, Due to Sampling Mistakes.

Rumors that ore shipments from the Le Roi, at Rossland, B. C., have been overvalued to the extent of \$335,000 are officially confirmed by John H. Mackenzie, who served as acting general manager during the recent illness of S. F. Parrish, the manager. Mr. Mackenzie has cabled the London office of the Le Roi:

"Ownig to faulty sampling and assaying, and excessive valuation of \$335,000 has been made in the assets. No profits have been made for several months. Shipped from the mine to the Northport smelter during the past month 3,720 tons of ore from all stopes, which show the average value of the mine is \$8.17 per ton. Shipments of 430 tons from the 1350 level showed \$7.45 per ton. We are now shipping 200 tons of picked ore a day. The amount realized from the treatment of the furnace bottoms is \$85,000. Four furnaces are running."

Managing Director A. J. McMillan cables from Rossland: "I have been here only three days. Have not had time to thoroughly investigate. After further investigations and seeing S. F. Parrish, who is expected to arrive here toward the end of this week, I shall be better able to advise."

Mr. Mackenzie's cable is alarming. It repudiates the cheerful reports made by Manager Parrish for the last few months, in which Mr. Parrish said the profits were from \$40,000 to \$60,000 a month. Instead of being in good shape, therefore, the Le Roi is deeply in debt. The stock had been booming in London on the strength of the profits reported. It went up to 15-8 pounds sterling on March 25, but on distressing rumors it slumped to 7-8 two weeks ago.

It is difficult to see how Manager Parrish could have overvalued his profits in the way that Mr. Mackenzie has charged. The Le Roi mine is equipped with an elaborate automatic sampling device, which ought to give a fair and accurate sample, if honestly managed by the samplers and assayers. The B. C. Review of London editorially says:

"There has evidently been gross and culpable negligence on the part of the assaying staff, for which the general management must be held responsible, but there is a general feeling in the city that a loss of so great a magnitude could not have occurred had the chairmanship been in stronger hands. The company appears urgently to need a new chairman to succeed Sir Henry Tyler, and a new general manager."

Serious as is the news that shipments have been overvalued, it is not more alarming than Mr. Mackenzie's claim that the average value of the mine is only \$8.17 a ton. He adds that 400 tons from the deepest level, from which so much was expected, gave only \$7.45 a ton. The mine can not hope to handle ore of less value than \$10 or \$12 a ton. It has

apparently reached a stage, therefore, where the present system of smelting is worse than useless, and means an actual loss on ore handled. The only remedy in sight is concentration. Mr. McMillan, the managing director, has summoned Thomas Mitchell, a Montana millman, to go to Rossland and lay out plans for a concentrator. Such a plant, with a capacity of 500 tons a day, would cost about \$200,000. Where the money is to come from is a hard problem. The Le Roi has been deeply in debt to the Bank of Montreal for years, and has always been behind. The bank has advanced loans on the collateral security of ore and matte in transit. If the ore has been overvalued by a third of a million dollars, it would appear that the bank's security has been seriously jarred.—Spokesman-Review.

### Oriental Sold for \$48,000.

Forty-eight thousand dollars has been paid by James Shipp and E. E. Gibbs for the Oriental placer mine on John Day river, in Grant county. Both purchasers are residents of Ukiab. Former owners of the property were Sydney, Ohio, people. The claim is operated by means of a dredger, which was constructed at a cost of \$16,000, but has been idle for two years. In the sale just completed William Robinson acted as agent for the company. Additional machinery is to be placed and work will be undertaken at once. The property was one of the early producers of eastern Oregon, and in 1885 was credited with \$56,000 in coarse placer gold, but since that time has produced but very little, being worked in a desultory way.—Telegram.

### PETITION.

To the Hon. County Court of Baker County State of Oregon: We the undersigned actual majority of the whole number of legal voters of Unity precinct, hereby petition your honorable body to grant a license to C. H. Schepster and E. H. Hayes to sell spirituous, malt, vinous liquors, and hard Cider in said precinct, at their place of business in less quantities than one gallon for the period of twelve months, said place of business being on the county road and near the Post-office which is known as Unity. And we further show that the said place of business is not within one mile of any working mine. Louis Tift, E. Tift, P. T. Tathrop, J. B. Haubman, L. L. King, J. B. Shaw, Alfred Whited, W. G. Yeager, Joseph Wham, Otto Paus-tian, Willsam Haskin, G. C. Whited, Geo. Greager, G. M. Laporte, Minor Covin, Riley Hardman, Peter Yoakman, Sam Perault, Geo. G. Nelson, N. N. Elliot, Wm. Wendt, Thos. J. Elms, Geo. W. Elms, W. B. Mills.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the Honorable County Court of Baker county on the 1st day of July, 1904, or as soon thereafter as may suit the convenience of the court, for a license in accordance with the terms of the above petition.

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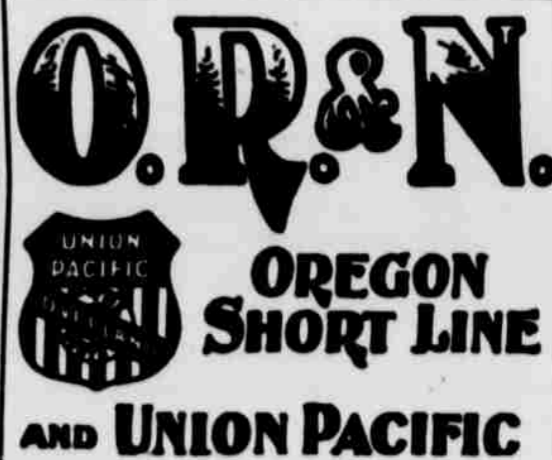
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