

Argo mile and tunnel

The Paystreak, 7 Aug 1897: J.M. Harris has started a tunnel on his townsite property just back of the Reco office, a tunnel to tap the Argo lead. The tunnel is now 15 feet and is expected to strike the lead at 100 feet. This is probably the first tunnel in the Slocan to be lighted by electricity.

Mining Review, 14 Aug 1897: The miners at work in Mr. Harris' tunnel nearly opposite the post office, are burning considerable powder, if we go by the reports of the blasts.

The Paystreak, 4 Sept 1897: Ore was found in the new tunnel on the Sandon townsite (Loudoun claim) this week in the carbonate and galena float.

The Paystreak, 30 Jun 1900: When the Goodenough block was being built some three years ago, the workmen who excavated for the foundation found a quartz ledge which was thot to be the Argo lead. The vein was not opened up at the time, but J.M. Harris decided to uncoverit and has men at work now clearing away the debris which was left after the fire. If the ledge promises well when exposed it will be developed further.

The Ledge, 31 May 1906: The Argo, at Sandon will resume operation just as soon as Jake Kelsen can complete the necessary financial arrangements.

The Daily News (Nelson), 4 Aug 1910, Western Float: "During the fire scare at Sandon Jake Kelsen stored his goods in the Argo tunnel and fled to New Denver. Fire is about the only thing that would drive Jake out of Sandon."

1935 Geological Survey of Canada report said: "The Argo group includes the Marie fraction, Belt, Loudoun, and St. Charles claims and is owned by J.M. Harris, et al ..."