

Current Mining News.

Contributions from any part of British Columbia and the mining districts of a reliable nature will be published in these columns, and we request that mining men write us about the progress of the mines of their district. We desire to publish all mining news.

NELSON DISTRICT'S MINE EXPORTS.

The mining products exported from Nelson and its suburbs during February were in all valued at \$949,138, of which \$578,213 represented matte. Of the total gold accounted for, \$489,450; copper for \$109,879; silver for \$248,278, and lead for \$65,531. The total of mineral exports was less than the big record of January, but shipments were last month greatly impeded by snowslides and other impediments to railroad and general traffic.

THE QUEEN BESS.

The statutory meeting of the Queen Bess Proprietary Company, Limited, was recently held in London, Eng., under the chairmanship of Captain Needham. It was then stated that the company's properties, the Queen Bess group of claims in the Slocan district, had, up to February and since the purchase by the company, shipped 580 tons of high-grade galena ore, realizing a profit of £3,480. The company's directors state in consequence that they hope shortly to declare a dividend. The Queen Bess Proprietary Company, Limited, has an authorized capital of £120,000. The directors claim that they will be able to declare 20 per cent. dividend ere long.

THE ALASKA GOLD FIELDS, LIMITED.

This trading company of London, Eng., which has practically taken over the business of the Alaska Exploration Company at San Francisco and in Alaska in trading and transportation, has decided to increase its capital to £300,000. The company will work on the Yukon route, and has built three steamers and barges, and also erected a warehouse at St. Michaels. It is largely in the hands of shrewd Jewish financiers in London and California. Messrs. H. Liebes & Co., of San Francisco, being amongst the chief promoters of the company. The Alaska Gold Fields, Limited, will engage in trading on a large scale as well as in transport, and the directors largely pin their faith in the permanent profitability of the company to a theory that there is a big northern gold belt that stretches into Alaska for a length of 300 miles. The company will consequently cater for a large and general Alaskan trade, in addition to making special provision for the miners of Dawson and the Yukon generally.

THE TANGIER MINE, LIMITED.

The statutory meeting of this company was held in London, Eng., on the 17th of February, the Earl of Essex presiding. A glowing report of the mine's possibilities was then laid before the meeting, Mr. Grant Govan, the managing director, declaring that the Tangier mine would prove a wonderful property, in fact, a second Waverley, and they all knew what he expected of the Waverley. Some facts were, however, given to the meeting. Thus it was stated that the Tangier had already shipped a small specimen body of fifteen tons of ore, realizing approximately \$1,700. To keep the shaft of the mine dry, however, pumping apparatus would be needed. This had been ordered, and work with it would be begun about May 15th, till when little further progress could be made. It was intended, said the Earl of Essex, to erect a smelter on the Illecilliwaet river for the purpose of treating the Tangier and other ores, and the Tangier Company, the Waverley Company, and the Gold Fields of British Columbia, Limited, also intended jointly to build and operate a short line of railroad to connect the mines with the main line of the C. P. R. at Albert Canyon. Meanwhile, along the proposed route a wagon road had been built, but this had been temporarily blocked by snowslides. The meeting heard with approval the news that Mr. J. D. Graham of Revelstoke had been appointed manager of the mine, and also a glowing report on the Tangier ore deposits, written by Mr. Otto Abeling, M. E.

CARIBOO CREEK.

The Chieftain group of mines, bonded for \$50,000 to Messrs. Beaven & Mackenzie, has shipped three tons of ore to the smelter recently. The returns were valued at \$938 per ton, the majority of which was antimonial silver.

The people of the Promitura, bonded for \$25,000 to Mr. Brody of Rensland, have struck the main ledge last week. This consists of high-grade shipping ore. The bonders fully intend to take over the property.

The Silver Queen property is being worked day and night by double shifts under Mr. J. M. Stranford, late of the Josie mine, Rossland, who being a man of considerable experience in Arizona and Idaho, places great faith in the Silver Queen, and regards it as a very early future shipper.

THE KLONDIKE BONANZA, LIMITED.

The manager of this company recently floated with some natural difficulty in England, is now en route for Bonanza creek, accompanied by Mr. Ironmonger Sola, the promoter of the concern. The manager is a Mr. L. Macfarlane of London, Eng.