

elsewhere in this issue of the *MINING RECORD*. Both parties to it are to be congratulated upon having come to a mutually satisfactory understanding without recourse to a similar lengthy suspension of work to those which have on several occasions during recent years involved heavy loss to both operators and miners in the Crow's Nest Pass district of the Province.

A press despatch from Dawson states that the Yukon council opened in special session on September 21 to consider the petition of the White Pass and Yukon Railway for permission to build 12 miles of railway from its present line to the Whitehorse copper mines. It is intimated that the company may also seek for a charter to build to the Selkirk soon. The council appointed a committee to prepare favourable recommendations to Ottawa, with a provision for a time limit to build and rates to be regulated.

Three or four years ago, remarks the *Phoenix Pioneer*, it was difficult to find any one in the Boundary who would buy Boundary copper stocks at the then prevailing low prices. How different is the situation today, when most of the buying orders come from the West and from the Boundary, where the oldest residents have increasing confidence in the country and its resources as the years roll on. As the sales are mostly in small lots, it shows also that it is not the men of largest means that are thus showing their faith in the Boundary.

Supt. Frank Little, of the Wellington Colliery Company, who recently returned to Nanaimo from Englishman's River, stated, according to the *Herald*, that work of boring for coal, which was suspended at 1,200 ft. owing to light machinery, will be resumed immediately. As to the outlook for coal mines of value there, Mr. Little did not care to express himself. Work on Nanaimo River is being prosecuted steadily but it will require some time to open up the property there. Two houses have been built there to accommodate workmen.

Edward Baillie has returned to Nelson from a short trip to the Lardeau and says that Poplar camp is looking up a little. Several properties that have been lying idle for the past two or three years are re-starting work and some good finds are being made. Interest, however, chiefly centres in a dredge nearing completion and which should be in operation within the next few weeks. This dredge is the idea of some Philadelphia capitalists and is to be operated on Lardeau River over a stretch of flat river bottom, working its own way along as it removes the gravel.

Elsewhere in this number of the *MINING RECORD* there is printed a copy of the new agreement entered into at the end of September by the Western Fuel Company and its employees. From a press despatch

sent out from Nanaimo shortly afterwards the following has been extracted: A two-year agreement has been made between the mines and men by which the company makes permanent the ten per cent. bonus recently granted by it. Nanaimo mines are now turning out the largest amount of coal in their history and the pay-roll is larger than it had ever before been. Business in all lines is brisk and with the general development on Vancouver Island, prospects for Nanaimo are very bright.

Coal from the Nicola Coal and Coke Company's newly opened coal mine is being delivered to several interior towns along the Canadian Pacific Railway. Although shipments are not yet large, it is gratifying to find that production on a commercial scale is now an accomplished fact. From a recent visitor to the mine competent to express an opinion of value we have assurance that the development work done in opening the mine, and the designing and installation of the surface plant, have been well carried out, and that everything about the property indicates that the enterprise is thoroughly *bona fide* and coal mining here gives abundant promise of eventually developing into an important and profitable industry.

About the middle of September the *Rosland Miner* gave publicity to "street gossip" to the effect that "A. G. Larson, who has been in charge of the practical operation of the Le Roi mine, and under whose direction such good results had been obtained, would not resume his official position." Upon his return from his month's vacation Mr. Larson "positively denied that there was any foundation for the rumour that he had severed his connection with the Le Roi Mining Company, as he was still its mine superintendent and expected to remain as such." It is gratifying to find that once again the attempts of the *Miner* to discredit the management of the Le Roi Mining Company have been ineffectual.

H. N. Galer, manager of the International Coal and Coke Company, has been quoted lately as authority for the statement that 550 men are employed at the company's coal mines at Coleman, southwest Alberta, and that 2,000 to 2,500 tons of coal are being produced daily; further, it is expected the production will soon be increased to 3,000 tons daily. Two seams are being worked and arrangements made to open another seam. Compressed air locomotives are being installed, and other preparations are in hand for increasing production. This colliery's output of coke is, approximately, 250 tons per day. The coke is shipped to the Boundary district, to the smelters of the Dominion Copper Company and British Columbia Copper Company there.

"The movement in capital to this Province is strikingly demonstrated by the activity in connection with coal lands," remarks the *Victoria Colonist*. "The applications for coal licences have been very numer-