

Bess and Van-Roi, that for some months have been operated by Mr. Clarence Cunningham for himself and associates, are in good shape for maintaining production as soon as buyers can be obtained for their silver-lead ores, and the Hewitt group, in Silverton camp, the last property to be taken over by that syndicate, is stated to have much silver ore of a good grade available for extraction whenever conditions shall be favorable for its being shipped profitably. Other mines in the district are also being operated.

Nelson.—There is little mining news of importance from this division at present. The Daily News, Nelson, has of late given scarcely any information relative to mining in the division, so it seems fair to assume that for the time not much is being done. The chief shipper in recent months up to the time of the closing of the smelting works at Trail in the middle of October was the Emerald lead-ore mine, in the neighborhood of Salmo, where the outlook has been increasingly favorable for maintaining a considerable output of ore. It was stated several months ago that shipment of gold-silver ore was to be resumed from the Yankee Girl mine, near Ymir, with a Boundary district smelting works as its destination, but no information in this connection has been made public in quite recent weeks.

Rossland.—Similarly, no news of Rossland mines is being made public. Only four mines were being worked in the camp when the Trail trouble arose, namely, the Centre Star group, Le Roi, and White Bear, by the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co., and the Josie group, by the Le Roi No. 2 Ltd. A report from Grand Forks is to the effect that there is a possibility of the Le Roi No. 2 company shipping ore from its Josie group to the Granby Consolidated Co.'s smeltery at Grand Forks, but no definite information as to this has yet been made public.

Boundary.

Early in November The Ledge, published at Greenwood, stated that the Canada Copper Corporation had that week shipped three carloads of copper to New Jersey and had two other carloads awaiting shipment; also, that a second blast furnace at the local smeltery was to be blown in and would be run a short time. For some time past the company had been shipping its blister copper to Trail to be refined at the Consolidated Company's electrolytic refinery, but on the closing of the latter company's works other arrangements had to be made for refining it.

Shipment of ore from the Union mine, in Franklin camp, some fifty miles north of Grand Forks, has been stopped for the winter. Ore from this small mine has been sent to the Granby Company's smeltery during the months when hauling could be done from the mine to the rail-head at Lynch creek, but now that snow has fallen the running of motor trucks can not be continued except under difficulty. A short time ago it was stated that the owners of the Union property were endeavoring to arrange to put in concentrating plant so as to be able also to use some of the lower grade ore occurring in their mine.

Similkameen.

News from Camp Hedley is to the effect that recently there was quite an influx of miners and shovellers, so that the Hedley Gold Mining Company now has an adequate supply of labor at its Nickel Plate group of gold mines.

According to the Similkameen Star, of Princeton, about 150 miners are now employed at the Canada Copper Corporation's mines on Copper Mountain, twelve miles from Princeton. It is stated, further, that the miners there are paid on the bonus system, and that they earn about \$5.20 a day.

From twelve to fifteen men have lately been employed at the coal mine near Coalmont, taking out coal and getting the mine into shape for being operated again. Some coal is being shipped to Vancouver. The property is now controlled by a syndicate of Vancouver men, including Mr. R. S. Lennie, Mr. Blake Wilson, and others.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL

Mr. J. A. Dresser, of Montreal, and Mr. H. E. T. Haultain of Toronto have been nominated as vice-presidents of the Canadian Mining Institute to succeed Mr. Chas. Fergie and Mr. T. W. Gibson.

A meeting of the Toronto Branch of the Canadian Mining Institute was held on Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Engineers Club. The speakers were President A. A. Cole, of Cobalt, Mr. D. B. Dowling of the Geological Survey, Ottawa, and Mr. John Stirling, Inspector of Mines of Alberta.

Mr. W. R. Wilson, of Fernie, B. C., general manager for the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, recently paid a business visit to the Coast districts of Washington and British Columbia.

Mr. George L. Fraser, for the last two years in charge of surface operations at the big copper mine of the Granby Consolidated Company at Hidden Creek, near Observatory Inlet, B.C., is now in charge of development work on the coal lands on Vancouver Island the company has acquired. It is stated that Mr. J. W. Powell, who several years ago was mine manager under Mr. Fraser at the International Coal and Coke Company's mines near Coleman, Alberta, has resigned as superintendent for a coal mining company operating in Kentucky, to take a similar position with the Granby Company on Vancouver Island.

The Victoria, B. C., office of the Ladysmith Smelting Corporation, has been closed, and an office opened by that company in Seattle. Mr. W. J. Watson, resident representative of the Tye Copper Company, is again manager of the smelting works at Ladysmith, and Mr. Geoffrey B. Kitto has resumed his former position of superintendent.

Mr. E. G. Montgomery, of Rossland, B. C., superintendent of the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company's Centre Star group of mines, has been examining mining property in Camp Hedley, Similkameen district.

Mining and Scientific Press states that Mr. James G. Parmalee, research metallurgist for the Granby Consolidated M. S. and P. Co. at Anyox, B.C., has accepted a fellowship in metallurgy at the University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho, in connection with the United States Bureau of Mines.

A report from Telkwa, in Omineca mining division, British Columbia, states that men working on the Cassiar Crown Copper Company's property on Grouse Mountain, in that neighborhood, have sent in to Telkwa word that they have run into five feet of clean ore. The company has its headquarters at Spokane, Washington.