

SIR JOHN SCHULTZ has returned from Edmonton, bringing a specimen gold ore found near the head waters of the Saskatchewan by a prospector named Noyes. It is believed now that the source of gold found in sand bars in the Saskatchewan River has been at last located.

A MEETING of capitalists interested in mica mining in Canada was held in the Russell House, Ottawa, Ont., recently, when the question of fixing a standard and a standard price for Canadian mica was discussed, and the advisability of such a move was unanimously decided upon.

B. W. FOLGER, of Kingston, Ont., says that Barney Barnato, who has become so famous in connection with the boom of South African mining stocks, was born at Eagle Creek, near Parham, on the line of the Kingston and Pembroke Railway, where he has a brother now residing.

LETTERS patent have been issued incorporating the Patterson Dry Mineral Magnetic Separator and Gold Extraction Company of Ontario, limited, with a capital of \$125,000. The company consists of Thomas McCracken and Dr. W. T. Stuart, Toronto; H. H. Powell and R. N. Ball of Woodstock, and G. H. Patterson of Denver, Col., and its object is to deal in mining and milling machinery, minerals, ores and metals.

AN important deal, in which American capitalists are interested, is taking place in connection with the gold and copper claims of Texada Island, off the coast of B. C. L. M. Turner, of Seattle, and Wm. Woodruffe, of Chicago, who represent the syndicate concerned, are now visiting the island and inspecting the claims which they have bonded. They are accompanied by the present owners and also by the Government agent, who proposes, if the result of the inspection proves as favorable as is expected, to make a number of necessary road connections with a view to mine development.

STATISTICS of surprising importance have come to hand in connection with the newly-discovered coal deposits in Newfoundland. They cover an area of twelve by six miles, and consist of three troughs, one of which is ten miles long and a mile wide. The deposits are within 40 miles of the water, and are quite adjacent to shipping passing through the St. Lawrence River. It is estimated that the quantity of coal in one trough is nearly 12,000,000 tons, and the others are supposed to be equally rich. The new railway from St. John's to the west coast runs close to these coal deposits at the head of Grand Lake. E. G. Reid, of Montreal, who has the contract for building the road, has leased a considerable area from the Government and will develop it at once. The coal is said to be a fair quality of anthracite.

THE Toronto *World* has, like ourselves, an abiding faith in the future of British Columbian mining, and deals with the subject editorially in a very interesting way recently. The Hon. Mr. Turner, Premier of British Columbia, is authority for the statement that a number of the best known financiers of the Old World, including Baron de Rothschild, Baron de Hirsch, Baron de Machiels and Henri Rosenheim, are interested in some of the mining companies in British Columbia. The *Board of Trade Journal*, of London, England, says that the output of the Kootenay mines was \$770,000 in 1894. This was the output of about half-a-dozen mines and represents simply initial work, rendered possible by the completion, very recently, of several lines of communication, by which ore is now being shipped regularly. In view of the number of mines being opened up, the rich character of the ores, and the extraordinary extent of the mineral formations, Kootenay district alone expects to vie with South Africa in mineral products within the next five years. A safe estimate for the output in 1895 is \$5,000,000.

## Electric Flashes.

ST JACOB'S, Ont., is to be lighted by electricity.

THE electric company, at St. Stephen, N.B., is thinking of putting in new water wheels.

A NUMBER of capitalists propose to build an electric road from Schomberg, Ont., to Newmarket.

THE Bell Telephone Company will erect a building in Winnipeg, Man., to cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

THE Board of Trade of Waterloo, Ont., has recommended a bonus of \$30,000 to the International Radial Railway.

AHEARN & SOPER, Ottawa, have begun work on their contract of installing an electric lighting plant in Alexandria, Ont.

THE Michigan Central Railway will illuminate the Falls of Niagara with an electric searchlight.

THE Montreal Street Railway Co. has built five new snow sweepers, and now has fourteen ready for service.

BOYD, CALDWELL & Co. are putting in an electric lighting plant, and will light the village of Lanark, Ont.

J. H. FRANCIS, Pakenham, Ont., will probably light the village from the plant he has installed in his flour mills.

W. H. COMSTOCK, the Brockville, Ont., millionaire, is interested in the project to give Brockville an electric railroad.

A LONG distance telephone line is to be constructed next spring between Calais and other places in New Brunswick, connecting with Boston.

THE Royal Electric Company, Montreal, has secured the lighting contracts for Logan's Park, Brock street tunnel, and Lachine Canal.

A BOILER and engine are being put in at the Tay Electric Power House, Perth, Ont., for auxiliary power when the water is low.

THE Almonte Electric Light Co. has reduced the price of lighting and are putting in a large number of new lights in consequence.

THE Hamilton Radial Company now gives notice that it will apply to parliament for power to extend the Guelph branch to Lake Huron.

THE new electrical plant at Chicoutimi is now in operation. The cathedral, seminary and archbishop's palace will be lighted with electricity.

THE employes of the electric railway at St. Stephen, N.B., have had a two dollar cut in their wages, and now receive \$8 per week of seven working days.

A. E. PAYNE, a well-known electrician of Boston, Mass., has decided to make his home in Canada and has joined the Royal Electric Company, commencing his new duties in Toronto.

THE township of East Flamboro has offered to submit a bonus by-law for \$30,000, and the village of Waterdown one for \$6,000 in favor of the proposed International Radial Electric Railway Company.

THE Toronto, Hamilton and Niagara Falls electric railway is a new enterprise which is seeking incorporation. It proposes to connect by means of electricity the points named. Clark, Bowes, Hilton & Swabey, Toronto, are solicitors for the applicants.

J. H. MEIKLE, JR., of Morrisburg, Ont., a graduate of Cornell University, who has been employed by the Brooklyn Electric Railway for some time, has gone to Johannesburg, South Africa, to manage an electric railway.

HAMPTON, N.B., will in all probability soon have the electric light. Cecil March has already secured a large number of signatures to contracts for the use of the future illuminant. Electric cars are talked of, too, between Hampton and St. John, N.B.

THE Street Railway Company of Kingston, Ont., will extend its track into the eastern end of the city, and run cars to the lower depot, provided the corporation will make the streets on which the rails are to be laid. It is likely the corporation will accede to the company's terms.

AMONG the announcements of applications for railway legislation is one to incorporate the Huron and Ontario Railway Company, to build an electric railway from Port Perry to Kincardine, passing through the counties of York, Simcoe, Cardwell, Grey and Bruce.

THE promoters of the Barrie and Allandale Electric Railway have almost completed arrangements with the G.T.R. by which they will get the land just west of the Minett's Point property, which is suitably wooded and better adapted for park purposes than Minett's Point.

E. A. C. PEW, the promoter of the Huron and Ontario Railway, is endeavoring to arrange matters so that an electrical manufacturing company from the United States would locate a new factory in Hamilton, the city giving them a factory, a bonus, etc. As yet, the affair is in a purely conversational stage.

IN the matter of Blackley against the Toronto Street Railway, the jury brought in a verdict of \$1,105.15 and costs. Leave to appeal was refused. The plaintiff's son Ralph was killed on a Church street car on which there was no guard; at the time, the system in Toronto was being changed from horse to electrical traction.