

water of Vancouver City, does not appear to be finding any serious difficulty in continuing its development mining, concentrating, and construction operations, for about Easter time it had approximately 600 men at work, all told, and operations were in progress in all of these several departments above-mentioned. Miners' Union officials have caused to be published in provincial newspapers statements to the effect that 700 men had struck work; as a matter of fact, less than half that number went out at the call of the Union, leaving rather more than half remaining at work. When the property was visited at Easter time by the writer of these notes, it was found that mining and extraction of ore were being carried on up at the mine, although the mine crew was 30 to 40 men short of the full number for which there is work; the long aerial tramway from the mine down to the concentrating mill at Britannia Beach was being used for the conveyance of ore, some 500 tons of which was being sent over it daily; the work of driving the long, low-level adit—now in more than 3,600 feet, and with 1,400 feet more to be driven before the 1,200-foot raise to the 1,050-foot level of the mine workings above will be commenced—was being continued with two shifts of men; three-roomed houses for the accommodation of married men were being built near the portal of the tunnel, where the new central camp is being established, with a dozen houses already erected and ground cleared for more; large new bunk and boarding houses at this camp were occupied, and power house and machine shop were being equipped with much machinery and plant; grading for the railway from the tunnel to the top of a long incline to be made for transportation between tunnel and mill was well advanced; construction of new power house at Britannia Beach was nearly completed, and the erection of the building for the Minerals Separation process plant was well forward; erection of new houses for married employes was being vigorously proceeded with; a large new store-basement, ground-floor, and three storeys, was about finished; dock, bunker and other shipping facilities were being added to; railway connections from mill to shipping docks were being improved; concentration mill was treating 500 tons of ore daily and provision was being made for an increase to 600 tons, and, generally operations were being carried on with comparatively little inconvenience, and with good prospects of shortly having full working forces in all departments, for every day a few more men were arriving as it became generally known that the Miners' Union's efforts to prevent a continuance of operations had proved quite ineffectual. The company has stated most positively it will not recognize the Union, but will do in the future, as it has done in the past, pay good workmen the best wages obtainable at similar work elsewhere on the Coast; will give them good food and accommodation, with all reasonable provision for their health, comfort and recreation, and will provide permanent employment for all its employes so long as they shall do a fair day's work for their pay and otherwise conform to the rules under which they accept employment here.

**Want Report Suppressed.**—The Nelson Board of Trade, at a meeting of about 20 of its members, not one of these being a mining engineer or metallurgist, recently appointed a committee of three "to act with the secretary in writing to the Minister of Mines calling attention to the damage being done to the mining industry of Nelson district by such statements as have recently appeared." The statements referred to were included in a published report of the Provincial Mineralogist, a man quite disinterested, of unquestioned

integrity and, withal, a metallurgist of considerable operating experience. The report gave the results of that official's investigations in connection with A. Gordon French's claims to have discovered metals of the platinum group in ores and dike matter occurring within a few miles of Nelson, identical sets of samples of which had been sent to eight chemists for determination and reported on by seven as not containing even a trace of the platinum metals. No mine manager was present at the meeting, and the chairman, who most strongly denounced the Provincial Mineralogist, is an ex-grocer, now a "mining broker" and real estate agent. The committee of three consists of a lawyer, a mechanical engineer and a jeweller. Several mine managers have intimated to the Provincial Department that they entirely disapprove of the action in this connection of the Nelson Board of Trade.

**Dividends from Metal Mining Companies.**—The total amount of dividends paid by metalliferous mining companies operating in British Columbia, of which public announcement has been made, during the quarter ended March 31, is \$523,734. Four companies contributed to this total, in the following proportions: British Columbia Copper Co., \$88,756; Granby Consolidated M. S. and P. Co., \$224,978; Hedley Gold Mining Co., \$60,000, and Standard Silver-Lead Mining Co., \$150,000. The last-mentioned company, which owns and operated the Standard mine and concentrating mill, near Silverton, Slokan lake, has paid \$575,000 in twelve months, having made its first dividend distribution, of \$25,000, in April, 1912, and since then a monthly distribution of \$50,000.

## COMPANY NOTES

### KERR LAKE DIVIDEND.

The Kerr Lake has declared a quarterly dividend of 25 cents a share, payable on June 16th.

### INTERNATIONAL COAL.

Profits of International Coal and Coke Company for 1912 were \$232,198, compared with \$56,073.38 in 1911, during which latter period, however, the mines were closed for nearly eight months on account of the general mining strike in Southern Alberta.

### LA ROSE PROFITS IN MARCH.

La Rose's March production of silver was 239,934 ounces to a value of \$128,733, which, with sundry income of \$3,253, brings that for the month up to \$131,986.

Marketing expenses, concentration and other charges amounted to \$57,882, leaving the profit for March \$74,104.

The cash statement to March 31st is as follows:

Cash surplus .....	\$1,473,509
Outstanding shipments and ore at mine ready for shipment .....	293,302
Total .....	\$1,766,811

Prof. E. Dulieux, of L'Ecole Polytechnique, Montreal, leaves on May 4th to serve a month with the French army, in which he holds the rank of lieutenant.