

Special Correspondence

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Canadian Mining Journal issue of April 16, report of the Mining Committee of the B. C. Legislature regarding the Dolly Varden case was printed in full. In that report the Mining Committee decided that the Taylor Engineering Company, which met financial disaster in the construction of a railway from the Coast to Alice Arm, B.C., was entitled to payment in full of the cost of work done plus 10 per cent. contractor's profit. The committee took this position in order to protect the contracting company and its creditors before the Provincial Legislature should consent to the renewal of the railroad charter.

Under Bill 103 the Dolly Varden Company had until May 17th to pay wages and until May 22 to pay the balance of the claim. At this writing (May 20) the wages had not been paid and there were only two days more in which to pay the balance of the claim. If the balance is not paid on May 22, the Taylor Engineering Company are going to exercise the privileges conferred by Bill 103, and will then operate the property in accordance with the terms of the Bill.

The amount of the claim is \$462,500. Mr. A. J. Taylor, of the Taylor Engineering Company states that his company is not in any way affiliated with any existing mining company and considers the property worth very much in excess of the charges against it. It is a high grade silver property on which over \$1,300,000 has been actually expended up to the present time. The railway is fully equipped and the mine in full development with 2,000 ft. of tunnels.

Eastern B. C. Branch of Mining Institute.

Advantage is to be taken of the International Mining Convention to be held next month at Nelson, B.C., to launch an Eastern British Columbia branch of the Canadian Mining Institute. It also is stated that there will be a meeting of a joint committee to formulate a system whereby better co-operation will be established between the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers and the Canadian Mining Institute. L. K. Armstrong, secretary of the A. I. M. & M. E. in a letter to F. A. Starkey, who is in general charge of the convention arrangements, states that E. P. Mathewson, New York, chairman of the A. I. M. & M. E., A. R. Ledoux, the member of the Canadian Committee, D. H. McDougall, Nova Scotia, and L. K. Armstrong, Spokane, along with W. G. Miller, Toronto, and R. H. Stewart, Vancouver, probably will be in attendance. Besides S. A. Easton, Kellogg, Idaho; P. N. Moore, past president of the A. I. M. E., St. Louis; J. H. Haas, chairman of the Columbia section A. I. M. E., and the president and secretary of the Associated Engineers, Spokane, Wn., are expected to be among the visitors. S. S. Fowler, Riondel, B.C., a member of the executive of the A. I. M. & M. E., is expected to advise the convention management as to the part of the technical portion of the programme the A. I. M. & M. E. will undertake.

To Conserve Gold Supply.

An extension of the existing Dominion prohibition upon the export of gold bullion, so as to include complex ore carrying gold, will be urged upon the Canadian Minister of Finance by the Vancouver (B. C.) Board of Trade. In discussing this matter one of the Board's members, Nicol Thompson, stated that the present legislation was designed to stabilize the country's credit and he thought the proposal was of the utmost importance, if results were to be assured. The greater proportion of the gold production of the Province was from complex ores and much of it was smelted at Tacoma, Wn., and other points outside British Columbia. It is proposed, as an alternative to the total prohibition of exportation that the Government make it obligatory that an amount of gold equivalent to the amount recovered outside the Province from provincial ores be returned to the exporting company. Such a policy, it was stated, besides making more effective the policy of increasing the country's gold reserve, might lead to the refining of all metallic ores in Canada.

B. C. Coal Output.

Coal output returns for the month of April are to hand and show that the total production of the collieries of British Columbia for that period was 197,180 tons. This is made up as follows:

Company.	Location.	Coal Ton- nage.	Coke Ton- nage.
Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co.....	Coal Creek	26,788	337
Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co.....	Michel	14,798	3775
Corbin Coal & Coke Co.....	Corbin	5,315	....
Merritt Collieries, Ltd.	Merritt	3,300	....
Fleming Coal Co.....	Merritt	2,604	....
Princeton Coal & Land Co.....	Princeton	841	....
Canadian Western Fuel Co.....	Nanaimo	54,825	....
Canadian Collieries, (D), Ltd.....	Cumberland	51,037	....
"	Extension	19,326	....
"	South Wel'ton	6,574	....
Pacific Coast Coal Mines.....	South Wel'ton	6,822	....
B. C. Coal Mines, Ltd.	South Wel'ton	2,011	....
Nanoose Collieries Co.	Nanoose	135	....
Granby Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co.....	Cassidy's	2,804	....
		197,180	4112

Multiplex Mining Co.

The Eloye Mining Company, situated at Camborne, B.C., Lardeau District, has been bonded to the Multiplex Mining Company, the consideration being \$30,000, according to the statement issued. The property has been in process of development by the owners, John Kennedy and Roderick McLennan, for some years and a vein of ore carrying silver-lead, with high values in