

THE Standard Oil and Gas Co. (Ltd.), of Essex, have appointed the following officers: President, Cameron Currie, vice-president and general manager, E. E. Harris; secretary, A. H. Clarke treasurer, J. B. Moore. General offices, Windsor, Ont.

THE Finch Mining and Dredging Co., of British Columbia who are claimed to be really the first to demonstrate the practicality of dredger mining, from March 21st to 29th cleaned up 50½ ounces of gold, valued at \$909. Deducting government tax and expenses, the net profit was \$732 for seven days.

THE Ontario Natural Gas Co. have decided to at once lay a second pipe from the wells to Windsor, and arrangements have been made with the Detroit Gas Light Co. to lay a third pipe over the river. They will also resume pipe laying in the direction of Sandwich.—*Amherstburg Leader*.

THE Montreal Hydraulic Gold Mining Co., of Cariboo, Ltd., has been registered, with a capital stock of \$250,000; trustees are P. A. Peterson and John Kennedy, of Montreal, and F. C. Innis, J. M. Browning and S. O. Richards, of Vancouver. The head offices are at Vancouver.—*B.C. Commercial Journal*.

BOTH the War Eagle and the Le Roi (near Rossland, B.C.) are looking to be veritable bonanzas, the bottom of the shaft in the Le Roi being all solid ore. On the face of the west drift at the War Eagle three parties of drillers are at work. The new tunnel on the 112 foot level is in 30 feet.—*Nelson Miner*.

THE summer school of science for high and public school teachers in connection with Queen's University, Kingston, will open on the 10th July. Chemistry, mineralogy, geology, botany, etc., will be embraced, and the mining department will be open for courses of lectures.

THE Fossil Flour Co., of Portland, hope soon to have the plant in operation near Great Village, N.S. It will take ten years to use up the deposits at Castlereigh Lake. The silica will be refined at the lake and taken by railroad to Bass River landing, and there shipped to Portland. David Collins is manager.

THE Natural Gas and Oil Company of Ontario has been incorporated, with a capital stock of \$500,000. The stockholders are: Sidney Arthur King, of Kingsville; Gordon Joseph Leggatt, of Windsor, and Thomas Reid, Chandler Walker and Hiram Walker, all of Walkerville. The objects of the company are to sink gas and oil wells, and to manufacture and use natural gas and oil.

DREDGING for gold in the Fraser has been demonstrated as practicable by the Finch Dredging Company. In seven days with one pump they cleaned up \$909. This is good news for the province, for there are half a dozen well equipped dredging companies getting ready to dig for gold in the bottom of the rivers of B.C., and if they are successful their number will increase tenfold in another year.—*B.C. Commercial Journal*.

A. P. Low, of the Geological Survey, reporting his recent explorations in Labrador, says there are immense beds of iron ore found spread over large regions. The ores are chiefly specular and red hematite, with beds of siderite or carbonate of iron. Thick beds of fine ore, associated with jasper, were met with in many places, both on the Ungava and Hamilton Rivers, and the amount seen runs up into millions of tons. Owing to their distance from the seaboard these ores are at present of little value.

THE Broad Cove, N.S., Coal Company, in the person of the managing owner, Wm. Penn Hussey, of Boston, is petitioning the Nova Scotia Government to allow the first 300,000 tons of merchantable coal mined at Broad Cove to be sold free of royalty, or, if preferable, a cash subsidy of \$30,000 instead. The company are also asking the Dominion Government for a money subsidy of \$50,000 and the services of Government dredges to open up the channel and prepare for foundations at McIsaac's Lake, Broad Cove, which is contemplated to make a harbor of refuge and shipping port.

AT the annual meeting of the Ontario Mining Institute last month in Toronto, the following officers were elected: President, James Conmee, M.P.P., Port Arthur. Vice-presidents, James McArthur, Canadian Copper Co., Sudbury; Ian Cameron, Dominion Mineral Co., Sudbury; Peter McKellar, F.G.S.A., Fort William, and J. J. Kingsmill, Q.C., Toronto. Council—A. Blue, director of mines, Toronto; Dr. Coleman, school of practical science, Toronto; Dr. Goodwin, school of mining, Kingston; Prof. Nicol, school of mining, Kingston; R. W. Leonard, C.E., Kingston; W. Hamilton Merritt, A.R.S.M., Toronto; J. F. Latimer, Toronto; T. Shortiss, Toronto; T. D. Ledyard, Toronto. Treasurer—T. W. Gibson, bureau of mines. Secretary—B. T. A. Bell, Ottawa. The report showed an increase in membership of 49.

THE Fort William *Journal* says:—The first big deal in the Rainy Lake gold region has been concluded. It covers the sale of some eight sections near the Hillyer and Wiegand properties between Bad Vermillion and Shoal Lakes. The amount paid is said to be \$250,000. Kelly-Mosher and Barclay are the sellers and J. J. McIntyre, of Niagara Falls, a paper manufacturer, and D. W. Pelton and Geo. L. Potts, of Appleton, Wis., are the purchasers. The purchase was made on the strength of the reports of an old California expert. Dr. Thibodo, the company's expert, says the indications exceed anything he ever saw.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Montreal *Herald* writes from Sudbury: Few people believe in the divining rod as a means for locating mineral veins. In fact, it is generally regarded as a fake. But last fall two parties came here from Toronto to prospect in this way. They had not only a divining rod, but also a new theory as to the mode of occurrence of the gold leads in this district. They maintained that the numerous small gold bearing veins on the surface were mere croppings of large mother lodes that had been covered over with lava flows and drift. They located several of such lodes, and in the most unlikely places. The old prospectors and miners laughed or shook their heads, and especially when the parties claimed to be able to tell the percentage of mineral in the ore and the exact depth of each lode below the ground. But in two cases, one near Markstay and the other in the township of Creighton, the diamond drill has proved, strange as it may seem, that they were not so far astray after all. In the one case they found gold and platinum at 160 feet from the surface, and in the other case free gold at a depth of 180 feet. These are undeniable facts. They say there is another large gold and silver lode on lot 4, cove 1, Denison, a few miles from the once famous Vermillion Mine.

## Electric Flashes.

BELLEVILLE, Ont., has a new telephone service in prospect.

THE affairs of the Vankleek Hill Electric Light Co. have been wound up.

IT is expected that electric cars will be running in Berlin by May 30th.

A NEW and larger generator is to be put in at the Kingston, Ont., power house.

AN underground system of electric lighting is shortly to be introduced in Gananoque, Ont.

THE Council of Magog is in negotiation with the Dominion Cotton Co. to supply the town with electric light.

PREPARATIONS are being made to build the London, Ont. street railway company's extension to Springbank.

THE Quebec Street Railway Company is seeking the privilege from the city to introduce on their lines the storage battery system.

THE London, Ont., Street Railway Company will probably rebuild their car house and repair shop in another part of the city.

THE contract for extending the N. B. Telephone from Moncton to Albert has been sublet by J. G. Forbes to I. N. Wilbur and S. Legere.

A COMPANY has been formed to construct and put in operation a telephone line connecting Florence, Croton, Dawn Mills and Thamesville, Ont.

THE first dynamo of 5,000 horse power was recently placed in position in the power-house of the Niagara Falls Power Co., and underwent a very satisfactory test.

THE bill concerning the Oshawa Electric Railway passed through the Ontario Legislature, and fifteen car-loads of rails are to be used in the construction of the road.

THE Owen Sound *Sun* declares that a railway between Owen Sound and Meaford is a necessity, and the only question is whether it should be electricity, gas, compressed air or steam.

THE Nanaimo, B.C., Electric Light, Power and Heating Co., Ltd., has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$100,000. T. J. Jones, A. Lindsay and Joseph Hunter are trustees.

THE Hamilton Radial Electric Railway Co. has given notice that it will apply for an amendment to its charter to allow it to operate the Guelph and Berlin branches by either steam or electricity.

AS the result of conferences with the North Grimsby council it is probable the Hamilton, Grimsby & Beamsville Electric Railway Co. will extend its line to Grimsby Park on the lake shore this summer.