

feet of work to be done. The outlet shaft is completed, and in the tunnel there is about 400 feet of work remaining before the two headings will connect. About five and one-half miles of the main pipe has been welded, and when it is finished four separate gangs will start the loop of 12-inch pipe which will encircle the district.

The big fire which wiped out the northern part of the town, has given the La Rose, Chambers-Ferland and Nipissing Companies, who own the land, the long-desired opportunity to prospect this territory. The Nipissing has had over 100 men at work trenching, and the work is almost completed. Proper surveys are being made of this section, and the ground will be laid out into building lots, with wider streets. Much-needed building restrictions will also be enforced.

The Nova Scotia has been having an unusual run of luck lately, several veins having been found within a week. The first important discovery, known as the Bilskey vein, was found near the manager's house, and it is one of the finest surface discoveries in the camp. While stripping this vein, two other cross-veins were located. At the junction of one, the more important of these, with the main vein, a shaft has been started. Subsequently two other discoveries were made, one distant about 75 feet and the other 190 feet from the Bilskey vein. All of these are high-grade ore. An interesting feature of the discovery of the Bilskey vein is the fact that it was crossed by a trench dug several years ago. At that time the prospectors had no knowledge of it.

The Nipissing Central Railroad Company, who are building the electric line between the towns of Cobalt, Haileybury and New Liskeard have had a large number of men working on the right of way, and a few days ago 100 more were started. The company expects to have the line completed to North Cobalt by the first of October. The section between Haileybury and New Liskeard will probably not be built this year. There is considerable difficulty experienced by the company in settling the matter of the right of way. The line has to run over the property of some of the mining companies, and so far no agreement has been reached by the different parties interested as to what the rental should be for using the land of the mining companies. It is altogether likely that the courts will have to be appealed to, to appoint an arbitrator, who will settle the question.

From one of the shafts on the Farah property a cross-cut is being driven at the 100-foot level to tap the "Blacksmith" vein, that in the open cut showed good silver values.

During the next week the Silver Cliff mine will ship a car each of high-grade and second-grade ore. The mine will now be put upon a regular shipping basis.

Recent development on the 195-foot level of the Cobalt Lake mine has proved the vein found to the west of No. 6 shaft to be a little better than three inches in width of high-grade ore.

At the meeting of the directors of the Nova Scotia held at the mine on July 15, it was decided to commence at once the erection of the new mill. Mr. Kirby, who designed the mill and worked out the process, will remain to take charge of the construction. The cost is estimated at \$100,000, and the building will be located close to No. 3 shaft house. The building itself will be 222 feet long and 84 feet wide. The building of this mill will be followed with keen interest by the operators of the camp, as it will be a very wide departure from the concentrators that have already been erected. The process will consist of crushing, amalgamation and cyaniding. A mill test of the ore has been made in Nevada. No concentrating tables will be used in the mill, although provision will be made for their installation if they are found necessary. The capacity of the mill is estimated at 90 tons per day. The product from the plates and the zinc boxes will be shipped from the mine in the form of bullion. Twenty 1,650-pound stamps will be installed.

The meetings held between the representatives of the Nipissing Central Railway and the mining companies regarding the right of way for the new electric road, have so far been

without results. The difficulty rises out of the rental asked by the companies, and it is altogether likely that the courts will be appealed to, to appoint an arbitrator.

The Maple Leaf Syndicate, Limited, is a new company recently organized in England for the purpose of taking over fourteen claims in the townships of Brewster and Corkhill. The head office of the new company is at Walbrook, London, E. C., and the promoters have raised the sum of \$50,000 to carry on the development work.

The contract for building the wagon road from Elk Lake to Gowganda has been let to the firm of Blair & McClelland, of New Liskeard. A good deal of difficulty was encountered by the department in placing this contract, as three contractors refused to do the work. As a consequence their deposits, amounting to \$2,600, were forfeited.

In the course of stoping on the main vein of the City of Cobalt, a shoot of high-grade ore about five inches in width was encountered. The Company proposes to carry on the exploration work on the surface by means of a diamond drill.

A rich surface find has been made in the north-west corner of the Hargraves property. The ore body is about six inches in width.

Work will very shortly be resumed on the property of the Townsite Mining Company. The capital necessary to carry on the work has been raised in England.

A new vein has been found on the 112 ft. level of the Kerr Lake Majestic at a point about 85 feet to the north of the shaft. The vein matter consists of cobalt with small silver values. It is understood that the Lewisohns of New York have acquired control of the Kerr Lake Majestic, which adjoins the Kerr Lake, a property also controlled by them. They have also recently purchased the Michael claim, located on the east side of Cross Lake. So far but little work has been done on the latter property as it has been in litigation for about three years.

It is understood that La Rose has made arrangements to sell their big dump on the property adjoining the Right of Way.

While excavating for the new addition to the concentrator of the Coniagas a new vein was discovered. This company is running a trench up Prospect Avenue, one of the main streets of the town, in order to try to locate a vein reported to be in that section.

The petition, asking for an injunction to compel the directors of the Crown Reserve to stop the payment of dividends until the 231 shares now in dispute receive dividends along with the rest of the shares, has been dismissed. The statement for the six months ending June 30th shows a surplus of \$549,259. During that period there was a total of 1878 feet of development work done, and over \$40,000 was expended in new buildings and equipment.

The second asking for tenders for the mining lands of the Gilles Limit resulted in the sale of twelve lots aggregating 195 acres. As 283 acres were sold before, this leaves 392 acres still remaining in the hands of the Department. It is understood that another sale will take place later on.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Rossland.—As the directors of the Le Roi Mining Co. are in convention at London it is expected that word will be sent here to begin work at the Le Roi Mine any day now.

The Blue Bird Mining Co., through the managing director, Mr. Lyman Carter, has acquired the lease which Whitford and Jenkins had on the mine. It is the intention of the Company to work the property itself, and a thorough plan of development will be worked out if some preliminary work that is being done turns out well. It is the intention to sink a double compartment shaft and open up the property at depth. At this writing, there is a quantity of ore at the mine awaiting shipment. Carbonate ore has been opened up on the Blue Bird that with a little sorting has returned about \$80 per ton. As there are several veins