

pendent: "Gold that assays from \$2.40 to \$4 to the ton has been found on Caldwell Creek, a small stream that runs into the North Arm of Burrard Inlet. Six claims have been staked and recorded there." There must be a powerful deal of alloy in that gold to bring its value down to \$4 and less per ton.

The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company's annual report, reprinted on other pages of this number of the *Mining Record*, shows that the total output of coal from all the mines of the company in 1907 was 981,939 short tons. Part of this was made into coke, of which the output for the year was 231,368 tons. In 1906 the company's output of coal was 806,901 tons, and of coke 213,295 tons.

A number of carbons (black diamonds) and carbon fragments, reported to be of a total value of about \$12,000, were stolen from the workshop of the Diamond Drill Contracting Company, at Rossland, on June 21. This company has among other contracts, one for diamond-drilling in the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company's mines at Rossland, and the carbons were for use in that work.

The *Labour Gazette* has been informed by its Nelson correspondent that: "Silverton, Sloean Lake, is enjoying marked prosperity, the Vancouver, Hewitt and Standard mines shipping ore steadily. The first-named has installed an air compressor and other machinery with a view to further increasing the ore output, while the Alpha, one of the oldest shippers in Sloean district, is reported as resuming operations after a close-down of about 13 years."

Mr. S. S. Fowler, general manager of the Canadian Metal Company, owning the Blue Bell mine, on Kootenay Lake, is reported to have stated at Nelson that the mine is looking very well and everything is running smoothly at the new concentrating mill, although there are adjustments to be made from time to time, as is always the case after the installation of new machinery to deal with ores when first milled. Lead ore is being sent to the Trail smelter.

The *Nelson Daily News* has been informed that "a good stringer of ore has been discovered upon the Rambler-Cariboo at the 1,050-ft. level. The stringer was come upon in the tunnel before the point was reached at which the vein was thought likely to be discovered, and the management is greatly encouraged thereby the more especially as the ore come upon is of equally good grade as that already mined in the upper levels of the mine." The mine is situated in McGuigan Basin, Sloean District.

On June 17, inst., the *Toronto Globe* reprinted the following extract from *The Globe* of June 17, 1858: "The papers are filled with the latest news from the Frazer River gold mines. \* \* \* The reports represent the country for hundreds of square

miles on Frazer and Thompson Rivers as producing the precious metal in abundance. Frazer River is spoken of as the latest and richest El Dorado—better than California was in 1848. The number of adventurers that have left California is very large, perhaps 3,000, and the tide will increase as summer advances."

A press despatch from Ymir, dated June 10, stated that: "It is rumoured here a big strike has been made at the Ymir mine, under the direction of Manager H. G. Nichols. For some years the company has been endeavouring to locate a blind lead supposed to exist, as there was much mineral indication on the hill at the back of the mine—float that assayed \$60 and upwards having been found. This lead was thought to be parallel to the main Ymir lead and work in that direction has opened up new orebodies which are equally as rich as the former Ymir lead.

In an account of a trip through the lower Okanagan and Similkameen districts the *Vernon News* recently said: "At Olalla down its main street, there is a business-like row of houses, a fine hotel, a good general store, a post office and the office of the Olalla Mining Company, the manager of which is E. H. Parsons. This company's mine has only just started up again; it was formerly known as the Bullion mine, and was operated by the McDougall outfit. We had a chat with Mr. Parsons, but as the work is only just commencing there was not much to be said about prospects."

Mr. John B. Hobson has caused to be published a letter explicitly contradicting the statements recently made in a number of provincial newspapers to the effect that Sir Wm. Van Horne and his associate large shareholders in the Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company had instructed Mr. Hobson to "go ahead with the season's work," and that preparations are being made for a big clean-up at the company's hydraulic mine at Bullion, Quesnel mining division. Mr. Hobson is engaged in hydraulic mining this season in the neighbourhood of Quesnel Forks, but not under the auspices mentioned in the report here referred to.

When in Vancouver, on his way to the Babine and Telkwa sections of Skeena mining division, I. Robert Jacobs, formerly of Greenwood and later manager of the Kerr Lake Company's silver mine near Cobalt, Ontario, was reported by the *Province* to have said: "My associates intend to make heavy investments in gold, copper and silver properties in the Babine and Telkwa districts, if they can secure what they require. I am going up there to have a look around and see whether our engineers have been romancing. If we secure what we want we are prepared to expend a lot of money, in development and equipment work, but we want properties which will make mines.