

lyle would have appeared just as useful and very nearly as ornamental to the Province were he still in quiet possession of the professional chair in Montreal. As well establish an experimental farm upon the dump of the Hall Mines at Nelson, as appoint an official mineralogist whose duties do not take him beyond the precincts of the coast cities."

We do not see the force of the argument put forward by the *Advance*. Mr. Carlyle is in charge of the Mining Bureau established by the Government, and in that capacity we do not well see how his headquarters could be anywhere but in Victoria. This, however, does not prevent Mr. Carlyle's services from being extended to all parts of the Province, which, indeed, as we understand it, they are to be. Mr. Carlyle's presence in the Province and the services he can render to mining is, we consider, of great importance to that industry and there is no use in attempting to belittle them. Mr. Carlyle will soon be going up country, and why not wait and see what his work throughout the Province will embrace and to what extent his usefulness will result before criticising? The great mining states of Colorado and California have the work of their bureaus centering at Denver and San Francisco, and in such central places, from which all parts are reached, has proven best to concentrate this work. Wait until the Provincial Mineralogist has had an opportunity of becoming better acquainted throughout the Province, and in a few weeks, we believe, he leaves for the Kootenay, where he will spend three or four months.

The enterprise of the B. C. MINING RECORD in publishing the lectures in full has been, we are glad to say, much appreciated by mining men in all parts of the Province, and we now contemplate publishing the whole series in pamphlet form.

Railway News.

AS SOON as arrangements can be made, the C. & K. S. N. Co. will have their steamers run four trips a week between Trail and Arrowhead. The company has a new steamer building at Nakusp, and when that is finished daily trips will be run between those points. This additional service is found necessary owing to the increased traffic in both passengers and freight.

Since the second engine arrived from Robson work has been progressing more rapidly on the Trail Creek tramway. The management hopes to have the railway in operation by May 15.

President Corbin authorizes the statement that the Columbia & Red Mountain railway will be built immediately. He expects to complete the road in four months. The Columbia River will be bridged at Northport just below the present cable ferry. Contracts for grading the line will be let immediately and the bridge will be commenced very soon. There will be a 200 foot tunnel at Sheep Creek Falls, otherwise the road could be finished at a much earlier date. The telegraph line will be extended to Rossland before the completion of the railroad.

Mr. W. D. Snodgrass, of Okanagan Falls, recently visited the coast, the object of his mission being to interview the C. P. R. freight officials regarding better rates to the lower country. He thinks he can convince them that it is to their advantage to look thoroughly into this matter, as he says at present the Northern gets the great bulk of the trade.

Says the *Rossland Miner*:—In our issue of March 18th we complained of the delay in receiving goods from Eastern Canadian points and cited two instances in which the C. P. R. was to blame for the delay. We have since learnt that in both cases the C. P. R. had "nothing to do with the case." In regard to the goods ordered in Winnipeg by us, we find that the order was made up in Toronto, a month after it was given, and was then shipped in bond over the Grand Trunk railway, arriving at Trail about ten days ago. It was just two months on the road. In the second instance cited, that of an hotel keeper who ordered a cooking range from Winnipeg, we have ascertained that it was the vendor of the goods who was responsible for the delay. He took two months to fill the order.

The *Miner* regrets that it should have done this injustice to the C. P. R. It is a corporation whose methods we do not generally indorse and we are therefore bound to be all the more careful in finding fault with it. The fact appears to be that the C. P. R. is making strenuous efforts to secure the quick delivery of freight at points in West Kootenay and is succeeding in this better than its rivals.

Notes.

THE Dominion Developing and Mining Co., with half a million dollars of capital, the greater part of which is subscribed on the Coast, is now busy looking over the ground with the view of proceeding with development work this season. Parties having propositions to make should not fail to communicate with this company through their secretary as they are in a position to entertain bona fide proposals. The company is a strong one as will be seen from the following list of directors: Hon. W. H. Montague, Minister of Agriculture, Ottawa, Ont.; Jonathan Miller, Esq., postmaster, Vancouver, B. C.; John Hendry, Esq., president B. C. M. T. & T. Co., Ltd., Vancouver, B. C.; D. L. Lockerby, Esq., wholesale grocer, Montreal; B. Douglas, Esq., justice of the peace, New Westminster, B. C.; Jno. MacQuillan, Esq., manager Dominion Building and Loan Association for B. C., Vancouver, B. C.; J. J. Banfield, Esq., Financial Broker, Vancouver, B. C.; Jno. T. Carroll, Esq., M. D., Reeve of North Vancouver, Vancouver, B. C.; F. R. Stewart, Esq., wholesale commission merchant, Vancouver, B. C.; R. A. Pyne, Esq., M. D., Registrar College of P. & S., Ontario, Toronto, Ontario. Shares in this company should prove to be a good investment.

We would call the attention of our mining men to the advertisement of Macfarlane & Co., Vancouver, who are now keeping a large stock of articles required in assaying, etc. The establishment of Messrs. Macfarlane's business in Vancouver will be a great convenience to those in the mining districts who wish to keep their stock of assay articles replenished from time to time.

A Vancouver syndicate which was organized by C. S. Douglas, Mining Broker of Vancouver, has secured five valuable claims in "Ground Hog Basin," on French Creek, Big Bend District, and will do development work on them this summer. Assays of rock from the several claims run from \$6 to \$90 in gold to the ton, the lower assay being from a quartz ledge 20 feet wide, while the higher assays were from veins of fair width. Experts who have examined the rock—notably Mr. Clemes, the