

## MINING MEN AND MATTERS.

Mr. Barclay Bonthrone of Vancouver, B.C., has returned to that city from a visit to Mexico.

An assayer's certificate has been granted to Mr. David Sloan of Three Forks, Slocan district.

Mr. Thos. Starbird, manager of the Ptarmigan mine, near Wilmer, East Kootenay, has returned from a visit to the East.

Mr. George W. Kessler, formerly superintendent of the Britannia mine, Howe Sound, B.C., is now in Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Thos. Kiddie has resigned as general manager for the Britannia Smelting Co. and is taking a much-needed rest at Victoria, B.C.

Mr. A. J. McMillan, managing director of the Le Roi Mining Co., has returned to Rossland, B.C., after an absence in England of about eight months.

Mr. F. H. Brackett, manager of the Willow Creek Mining Co., Atlin, has returned to that camp after wintering outside and is now preparing for the ensuing season's work.

Mr. Lucien S. Robe, for several years mining engineer with the N. A. T. & T. Co., in the Canadian Yukon, has left Dawson for Tanana, where he will practise his profession.

Mr. Ernest Waterman, of Princeton, Similkameen, B.C., manager of the Vermillion Forks Mining & Development Co., Ltd., has returned from a winter vacation spent in California.

Mr. F. W. Rolt, formerly of Rossland, is now residing at Nelson, in which city has been established the head office in British Columbia of the Canadian Metal Co., of which he is a director.

Mr. R. B. Lamb, of Hedley, Similkameen, B.C., manager of the Daly Reduction Co., operating a 40-stamp mill at Hedley, left last month for Denver, Colorado, en route to New York, on a business trip.

Mr. George Alexander, manager of the Kootenay Ore Reduction Co., with sampling works at Kaslo, B.C., has gone to England and Belgium in connection with the shipment of ores to those countries for treatment there.

Messrs. Sigmund Rothschild, Jr., Otto R. Brener (manager), Chas. Mass (accountant), and J. Moore Elmer (consulting engineer) of one of the mining companies operating in the Yukon, went north at the close of March, expecting to reach Dawson early in April.

Mr. Frank S. Wood, a director of the company owning the Argenta mines, situated on Hamill Creek, which flows into Lardeau River, a few miles north of Argenta, at the head of Kootenay Lake, lately visited the company's property, afterwards returning to Boston, Massachusetts.

Mr. Geo. H. Robinson of Salt Lake City, Utah, who is president of the Britannia Copper Syndicate and the Britannia Smelting Co., Ltd., both operating in British Columbia, recently visited the Britannia mine, at Howe Sound, B.C., and the smelting works at Crofton, Vancouver Island, B.C.

Mr. Pierre Maris, who was for some time in charge of the Cork mine, owned by a French company known locally as the Silver Star Mining Co., and situated on the south fork of Kaslo Creek, is reported to have lately been engaged in organising in France a company to operate extensively in coal mining.

Mr. J. W. Astley, late general superintendent for the Le Roi Mining Co., Rossland, writing to a Rossland friend from Bournemouth, England, where he now resides, stated that he had quite recovered from the illness that necessitated his leaving the Kootenay and is once again in the enjoyment of excellent health.

Mr. J. J. Fleutot, who in the spring of 1903 succeeded in organising in France the West Canadian Collieries, Ltd., the owning coal mines at Grassy Mountain, Lille, Belle-

vue, Blairmore and Byron Creek, all in the Blairmore-Frank district, Southwest Alberta, has returned from France, whence he went last autumn.

Mr. W. Hudson, superintendent of the Second Relief mine at Erie, in the Nelson mining division, recently visited Nelson to have removed from his right hand a piece of steel that years ago became imbedded in it as the result of an accident. The necessary operation was successfully performed by a surgeon of that city.

Mr. A. C. Garde, formerly resident manager of the Payne Consolidated Mining Co., operating the Payne mine and concentrator in the Slocan district of British Columbia, has taken charge of development work at the mine, situated near the head of Kootenay Lake, B. C., of the Argenta Mines, Ltd., of Boston, Mass.

Mr. T. H. Rea, manager of the Betts and Hesperus mine, near Grand Forks, Boundary district, is visiting Chicago, Illinois, the headquarters city of the company owning that mine. It is probable that on his return another contract for diamond drilling in the mine will be let, the 850 ft. drilled having given encouraging results.

Mr. W. E. Zwicky, of Kaslo, B.C., manager of the Rambler-Cariboo Mines, Ltd., which company is nearing the completion of a deep-level tunnel about 4,500 ft. in length at its mine near Kaslo, lately paid a visit to the Sullivan Group Co.'s smelter at Marysville, East Kootenay, where the Huntington-Heberlein process has been in use for months.

Mr. D. B. Brown, of New York, president of the Brown-Alaska Mining Co., and the Alaska Smelting & Refining Co., recently met Mr. J. L. Parker, mine manager, and Mr. Paul Johnson, smelter manager, in Seattle, Washington, and afterwards spent a few days at Victoria. Messrs. Johnson and Parker came down from Southeast Alaska to meet Mr. Brown.

Mr. R. C. Miller, mining recorder at Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, is reported to have been appointed assistant gold commissioner for that district with headquarters at Whitehorse. Mr. Percy Reid is stated to have received the appointment of recorder at Conrad, Windy Arm, and Mr. J. Holliday is mentioned as the probable appointee as recorder for Klunene.

Mr. F. L. Underwood, of New York, president of the British Columbia Copper Co., accompanied by Mr. W. H. Thomas, consulting engineer, recently paid his periodical visit to the company's mines and smelter in the Boundary district of British Columbia. He was attended on his tour of inspection by the company's resident engineer, Mr. Fred-eric Keffler, and manager, Mr. J. E. McAllister.

At Union Bay, Vancouver Island, Mr. Geo. McLaughlin, general foreman of the Wellington Colliery Co.'s mechanical department at Union Bay, a short time before his departure for Scotland, was presented by a complimentary address and a gold locket by employees who had served under him and by other local residents. A handsome silver tea service was presented to Mrs. McLaughlin on the same occasion.

Messrs. Geo. H. Collins and W. T. Hunter of Greenwood, for themselves and others associated with them in this enterprise, have bonded the Washington and Idaho claims, situated near Beavertell on the west fork of Kettle River. These were owned by the Boundary and Beavertell Mining Co., which several years ago sunk a 110-ft. shaft on the property on which occur two strong leads stated to be 8 to 10 ft. wide with ore ranging up to \$60 a ton, the values being chiefly in silver.

Lord Ernest Hamilton, chairman of the directorate of the Le Roi No. 2, Ltd., and a director of the Hall Mining & Smelting Co., Ltd., the former owning and working the well known Le Roi No. 2 mine, near Nelson, and the lead smelting works in that town, was a recent visitor from England to British Columbia. Besides looking over the properties at Rossland and Nelson, respectively, of the companies mentioned, he visited the Boundary, where he saw the Emma mine, in which the Hall Mining & Smelting Co. has a one-