

COAL MINING NOTES.

MINING MEN AND AFFAIRS.

On October 31 the *Frank Paper* stated that "the Canadian-American Coal and Coke Company, Limited, made a new output record one day last week when it mined and shipped 1,064 tons of coal." This company's mine is at Frank, southwest Alberta.

The International Coal and Coke Company, Limited, operating coal mines and coke ovens at Coleman, southwest Alberta, has commenced the erection of 20 additional cottages for the accommodation of miners employed at its colliery. The company's new wash-house is nearly completed and the work of covering in the larry tracks from the mines to the tipples is in progress.

It is reported that satisfactory progress is being made in opening up the coal mine of the Royal Collieries Company, situated in the vicinity of Lethbridge, Alberta, and that a small quantity of coal is being shipped daily.

The Diamond Vale Coal Company is pushing ahead with development work on its coal property in the Nicola district. It expects to shortly have railway communication.

The *Fernie Free Press* states that 75 men arrived at Michel from Wales. They were brought across the continent in two special cars by the Canadian Pacific Railway. Another contingent was expected to arrive the following week. It keeps the company hustling to provide quarters for so many men temporarily until the new houses shall be finished.

The output of coal at the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company's Collieries during October was, on an average, about 3,400 tons per day. Allowing for 27 working days this would give a total output for the month of about 92,000 tons.

Arthur Hickling, of London, England, one of the directors of the Vermilion Forks Mining Company, which is opening a coal mine at Princeton, Similkameen, recently said: "When the railway shall have been built to Princeton the marketing of the coal will be commenced. The coal is of an excellent quality, and it is believed it will make a market for itself in the Similkameen. The short haul will enable the sale of the coal at a fairly reasonable price."

The railway spur to the Nicola Valley Coal and Coke Company's mine is now completed. The spur is one mile and a half long from the Nicola branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and the cars of the railway company are now under the tipples. About 100 tons per day of coal is being taken out at present; so far the railway company is taking most of the output.

That conditions in the local mines have resumed their normal state, says the *Nanaimo Herald*, is evidenced by the fact that output record was again broken yesterday (October 12), this time no less than 1,826 cars or 1,429 tons of coal having been hoisted to the surface of No. 1 shaft. This is the record hoist for 9 hours in the history of the coal industry in Nanaimo, and is some tons greater than the record made by the Western Fuel Company on January 29, 1903, in two eight-hour shifts. Yesterday's output was only exceeded twice when the mines were under the management of the New Vancouver Coal Company when coal was hoisted during 16 hours of the day. On October 12, 1899, the output for the two shifts was 1,472 tons and on April 11, 1901, was 1,431 tons.

A press despatch from Ravensdale, Washington, dated October 10, said: As a result of a fire in the big mine of the Northwestern Improvement Company, which belongs to the Northern Pacific railway, all work has been abandoned for the time being and it may be a month or six weeks before operations can be resumed. This is the first fire in the Ravensdale mine, and beside curtailing the fuel output for some time it will throw 450 men out of work.

The steamer "Tellus," while on her way to Portland, Oregon, with coal from Nanaimo, Vancouver Island, was wrecked. She was under charter to the Western Fuel Company and carried nearly 4,000 tons of coal, valued at about \$20,000, for the Independent Coal & Ice Company of Portland. Both vessel and cargo were insured.

John B. Hobson, manager of the Cariboo Gold Mining Company, was in New York during October.

Chester Lee of Seattle, Washington, recently examined a mining property in the Cowichan district.

Carl H. Hand, of Butte, Montana, U.S.A., was at the Krao mine, Ainsworth, during the month.

J. T. Green, of Butte, Montana, U.S.A., recently looked over Voigt's group, on Copper Mountain, Similkameen.

H. H. Watters, manager for the Slough Creek, Limited, has gone to London, England, on a visit.

Otto Brenner of Dawson, a well known mining man, came down from the Yukon early in October. From Vancouver he proceeded to Ottawa, en route to New York.

A. N. C. Treadgold, who left Dawson, Yukon, late in September, has gone to London. He took with him to England five malamute dogs.

J. D. Kendall, of London, England, who is consulting engineer for several mining companies operating in British Columbia, arrived in Canada on October 6.

Howard W. DuBois, of Philadelphia, was in San Francisco early in October on his way from the Cariboo district of British Columbia to Nevada.

B. P. Little, superintendent for the Diamond Vale Coal and Iron Mines, Limited, operating in the Nicola Valley district, was in Vancouver last month.

Thos. R. Stockett, of Nanaimo, general manager of the Western Fuel Company, went to Seattle, Washington, on business towards the end of the month.

E. H. Macdonald, of Butte, Montana, U.S.A., has been examining the Chicago group of mineral claims, situated near Cody, Slocan.

W. Stephenson, mining recorder at Quesnel Forks, Cariboo district, has returned home after having spent a vacation on the coast.

James Rutherford has been examining mining properties situated near Barkerville, Cariboo district, for a Scottish syndicate.

John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, has been seriously ill, but is now reported to be recovering.

J. W. Bryant, mine superintendent for the Tyeo Copper Company, recently went North, accompanied by W. M. Brewer, to examine some mining property.

H. Harris, late superintendent at the Alaska Smelting and Refining Company's smelter, Hadley, Prince of Wales Island, was in Victoria at the end of October.

F. C. Merry, superintendent for the Ferguson Mines, Limited, owning the Silver Cup and other silver-lead mines in northern Lardeau, was a recent visitor to Kaslo on business.

R. W. Coulthard, of Fernie, East Kootenay, general sales agent for the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, Limited, recently made a business trip to the chief towns of West Kootenay and the Boundary.

Signor A. Tealdi, of Florence, Italy, lately completed a tour through the Kootenay and Boundary mining districts. He was reported to be representing Italian capitalists desirous of obtaining suitable mining properties in the West.

R. W. Brock and W. H. Boyd, of the Geological Survey of Canada, left Rossland on October 4 on their return East. Mr. Brock has since resumed his winter duties as professor of geology at the School of Mines, Kingston, Ontario.

Charles Biesel, superintendent of the Snowshoe mine, near Phoenix, Boundary district, being operated by the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada, was at Banff, Alberta, about the first of October.