

national boundary line. This company proposes to deal extensively in the oil lands of the Flathead country, and Mr. W. F. Teetzle, of Nelson, who is one of the directors, is securing such other options as seem suitable for the purposes of the company.

COAL MINING AND PROSPECTING.

MR. R. D. Fetherstonhaugh, who left Atlin on July 4 to examine and report on the coal lands of the Atlin-Tooya Coal Prospecting Syndicate, situate on the Tooya River, near Telegraph Creek, has returned to Atlin. The Atlin *Clam* reports him as having stated that this coal showing has not been in any way over-estimated for there is on the property the largest surface outcrop of coal ever known in Canada or, in fact, America.

Representatives of the Kootenay Coal Company, a Spokane flotation, recently visited Victoria, where they stated that their company is making arrangements to begin mining operations on its lands on the Flathead River, South-east Kootenay.

At the Western Fuel Company's collieries development work is being actively proceeded with, at Northfield No. 4, where a new level is being driven. This is forward enough for more men to be put on making entries to open up this part of the mine. At No. 1 work at the new pithead, in place of that lately destroyed by fire, is making good progress.

The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, so it has been announced, has entered into an arrangement with the American Coal & Coke Company, of Butte, Montana, for the sale of all coal and coke sent to Montana points from the collieries of the former company. It is anticipated that the smelters at Anaconda, Butte, Helena, and Great Falls will be good customers for Crow's Nest coke.

THE NICKEL PLATE MINE, SIMILKAMEEN.

IN Mr. Geo. E. Winkler's interesting description of the Nickel Plate mine, on Twenty-mile Creek, Similkameen, published last month in the *MINING RECORD*, it was inadvertently printed that the Nickel Plate vein is about 8 feet wide. The main lead on this valuable property is eighty feet in width. This correction is the more necessary since reference was made in the article to "this large mineralized zone" and to the "glory hole" in which ore was being broken down, which descriptive terms are appropriate when applied to an 80-ft. ore body, though perhaps not warranted in connection with an 8-ft. vein.

PATENTS ISSUED TO BRITISH COLUMBIA INVENTORS.

Mr. Rowland Brittan, Patent Attorney, of Vancouver, sends the following list of patents recently issued to British Columbia inventors:—

Alfred Taylor, of Victoria, has received a Canadian patent on an improvement in bedstead construction, which has been previously referred to.

H. Gilley, of New Westminster, a Canadian patent on an improved self-oiling sheave block.

John McLean, of Vancouver, and L. G. McKam, of New Westminster, a Canadian patent on an improvement in saw teeth.

TRAGIC DEATH OF OTTO M. ROSENDALE.

A press despatch, published after the first forms of the *MINING RECORD* had been printed, gave information of the death by suffocation of Otto M. Rosendale, of Portland, Ore. The news came too late to admit of the withdrawal of the editorial note referring to the deceased which appears in this issue.

MINING MEN AND MATTERS.

Prof. A. Van der Naillen, of San Francisco, Cal., who for over thirty years conducted a School of Practical Engineering, has just received the honors of being appointed by the Belgian World's Fair Directors, a commissioner, to represent California at Liege, Belgium, from April to November, 1905.

The appointment of Mr. Daniel Davies, of Ferme, as attorney for the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, Ltd., in place of Mr. Wm. Blakemore, has been gazetted.

Several matters in which mining companies are interested came before Mr. Justice Martin, sitting in chambers in Victoria on 17th ulto. In the matter of the Noble Five Consolidated Mining Co. vs. Last Chance, an application to postpone trial until the February sittings of Court was granted, by consent. In Last Chance vs. American Boy, fiat for \$450 increased counsel fee was granted. Mr. Chas. V. Jenkins, of Rossland, was appointed liquidator of the Giant Mining Company, subject to affidavit of publication of notice; question of security was adjourned.

Mr. Paul S. Couldrey, formerly manager for the Le Roi No. 2, Ltd., is expected to visit Rossland early this month.

It is reported that a stampede from Hazelton, at the head of navigation on the Skeena River, has been occasioned by a reported rich strike of free milling gold rock at Hunter's Basin in the Bulkley Valley.

Messrs. J. C. Gwillim and Wilson have been looking over C.P.R. coal lands in the vicinity of the Upper Elk and Fording Rivers.

Mr. A. J. Swimney, of Ferguson, manager for the Silver Cup Mines, Ltd., and the Great Western Mines, Ltd., has returned from a trip east whence he is reported to have been for the purpose of purchasing additional plant for the Silver Cup.

Rossland friends of Mr. S. F. Parrish, late general manager of the Le Roi Company, have presented him with an engrossed address and a diamond ring.

Mr. W. J. Sutton, geologist to the E. & N. Railway Company, of Vancouver Island, attended the American Mining Congress at Portland, Oregon, last month in the capacity of representative of the City of Victoria and of the Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia.

Mr. E. J. Wilson has retired from the management of the Le Roi Company's smelter at Northport, Washington. It is stated that Mr. J. H. Mackenzie will now direct operations at these works.

Mr. Thos. Jones, representative of the Lanyon Zinc Company, of Iola, Kansas, U.S.A., recently visited the Peerless and other mineral claims in the vicinity of Quatsino Sound, on the north-west coast of Vancouver Island, to examine showings of zinc ore reported to occur there. He returned to Sandon late in the month, but is expected to again visit Quatsino shortly.

Professor T. L. Walker, of the University of Toronto, has been spending a few days in Ymir camp, where he visited several of the more prominent of the mines. Ymir will hereafter be well represented in the university's collection of minerals.

Mr. H. A. Guess, for the past three years chemist to the Silver Lake mines, Silverton, Colorado, has resigned to accept the position of chief chemist of the Cananea Consolidated Copper Company, Cananea, Mexico. Mr. Guess, in partnership with his brother, formerly had an assay office at Greenwood, and five or six years ago went thence to the Rainy River district, Ontario.

In reviewing recent transactions on the London stock market the *Mining Journal* observed: "Le Roi were carried over at 2d. back to even, but whether they have been realised or sold speculatively does not appear. There is a party working for reconstruction, but it is to be hoped that the board will see their way to resist. If the reconstruction party gets its way they should be questioned as to dealings in the shares."

Fernie, the largest town and the business centre of the Crow's Nest Pass coal region, has been incorporated, and a mayor and aldermen have been elected.