

R. C. WALLACE IS COMMISSIONER OF NORTHERN MANITOBA.

The Pas, Man., July 12.—Professor R. C. Wallace, M.A., D.S., Ph.D., head of the Department of Geology and Mineralogy of the University of Manitoba, has been appointed to succeed John A. Campbell, member of Parliament for Nelson, as commissioner of Northern Manitoba.

Prof. Wallace is well known by miners and mining men generally throughout the Northland, having been through the whole known mineral district adjacent to The Pas. His reports to Government of researches in Northern Manitoba have been very favorable to this region as a positive mining centre, only awaiting development.

Other duties pertaining to the office are the supervision of education, of health and to act as a judge where necessary. His jurisdiction covers an area of nearly 200,000 square miles.

Professor Wallace and his family will take up their residence in The Pas after December 1st, on which date he assumes his new duties.

IVANHOE MINE, B.C.

The Rosebery-Surprise mining company is reported to have taken a bond on the Ivanhoe Group, the property of the Minnesota Silver Co., largely owned by Mr. W. H. Yawkey, of New York. The deal includes the concentrator which was put up by the Surprise company, under agreement with the Minnesota Silver Co., to replace the mill destroyed by fire several years ago. Work on the Ivanhoe has been started by the Rosebery-Surprise forces according to a statement by Mr. McFadden, the manager, who adds that negotiations are under way for the acquisition of the Canadian group, adjoining the Ivanhoe, and owned by Brandon Bros., of Silverton. Mr. D. McKenzie, formerly superintendent of the Ruth Mines, will be in charge of operations at the Ivanhoe. Considerable shipments were made from the Ivanhoe several years ago, but the mine did not prove profitable under the then prices of metals. Most of the mine product is milling ore.

UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN GRANBY AND CANADIAN COLLIERIES.

It is understood that the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), Ltd., and the Granby Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co., Ltd., either have or are about at the point of reaching an agreement as to the coal lands in dispute situated in the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Ry. Belt on Vancouver Island, British Columbia. These lands, as has been explained previously, are held by the Granby Company under title from the Province, which title was acquired from certain settlers who secured it by virtue of the Settlers' Rights Amendment Act, 1917. Subsequently this Act was disallowed by the Dominion Government, and the Canadian Collieries Co. claimed title, having acquired the Island coal lands granted to the E. & N. Ry. Co. in 1884. Believing their title sound, the Granby Co. had prospected for and found coal. They then went to an expense of approximately \$300,000 in opening up the seams and in installation of plant on the ground. Further outlay was undertaken in the installation of by-product coking ovens at Anyox, B.C., where it is proposed making coal from the Island coal for the Company's smelters. It was feared that the Dominion Government's action would result in the cessation of this development while the two companies engaged in a lengthy law-suit to settle the dispute. The report, therefore, that the two

concerns are likely to arrive at a mutually satisfactory agreement is welcomed in British Columbia.

PLATINUM ON KASLO RIVER PROPERTY.

Norquist Brothers, of Spokane and Seattle, owners of the Gum and Nome group of claims on the south fork of the Kaslo River, are credited with having made the important discovery that their property has possibilities as a platinum producer. Twenty years work and \$28,000 are said to have been expended in a vain effort to prove a silver mine, hundreds of feet of tunnel being driven in the course of which good showings repeatedly were found and lost. Last year the owners despaired and were contemplating abandoning the claims. At this point one took a sample of what seemed to be peculiar rock which projected from the face of the drift. He had it analyzed and, report has it that the returns showed the occurrence of platinum to the extent of about \$700 to the ton. A little of this at the prevailing price of \$105 per ounce would soon wipe out the property's indebtedness and the owners have reopened with renewed optimism.

The Rex Mine have made their second monthly shipment of bullion, amounting to over \$6,000. The drift in the 100-ft. level is now 130 ft. south of the shaft, and the vein is six feet in width. The ore continues to show its usual consistent satisfactory gold content.

Archie Close has almost completed the enlargement of the shaft on the Northern Manitoba Co.'s property, and expects to start work on the sinking of the shaft next week.

Mr. Cram, of Rossland, B.C., and J. MacCutcheon, returned from Herb and Elbow Lakes on Friday, with samples from various properties around Herb Lake. Paul Gasse came in also, and is now negotiating with Eastern capitalists, with a view to granting them an option on his property. Hugh Vickers located a rich, small vein about a mile north-east of the new find. Samples show much free gold. John W. Callinan is in from Flin-Flon district. J. G. Cameron, of Regina, arrived in town the beginning of this week, and has gone north to Copper Lake, north of Cranberry. He has copper propertites in that locality. Six carloads of copper ore from the Mandy Mine were sent to B.C. on Wednesday's train. About 750 tons of Mandy Mine ore came down this week.—The Pas Herald.

STRONTIANITE DEPOSITS ON ASHNOLA RIVER, B.C.

Deposits of strontianite have been found on the lower Ashnola River, B.C. No development work of consequence has been done as yet, but the discoverers believe that there is a considerable body of the ore. Owing to the special uses to which the mineral is being put within the war area, its value as a means of signalling being one of the most notable, the prospect has attracted more than usual attention.

On account of the cutting off of the supply of platinum from the Urals, Great Britain and her Allies are now forced to look to other sources for that metal which is so urgently needed for war purposes. In order to stimulate production in Canada, the Department of Mines, the Honorable Martin Burrell, Minister, has arranged for the purchase of platinum at the Dominion Assay Office, which the Department maintains in Vancouver. The establishment of this purchasing agency will be a great convenience to miners, particularly to small producers, who heretofore have had to market their product in the United States with considerable trouble and delay.